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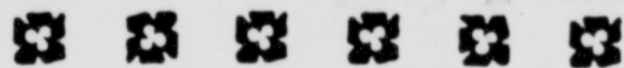
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CHRISTMAS MUSINGS.

BY O. G. W.

Here I am alone, sitting by a wood fire, and—and—what? thinking. If Christmas has spiritual significance, it is a festival, bringing with it joys, anxieties, longings, regrets, and sorrows that are often borne with patience, sorrows that often reveal under the sting of memory—the truth that a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things."

There are many who would wish to have holidays originated from their experience, especially this one, that has outward semblance of joyousness, and to them, perhaps, brings heart of ashes. They must seek the good of it in the dim reflection of others' happiness, that images on their loneliness and forlornness, and makes a kind of fictitious glow in a shady place.

Can we warm ourselves at another's fire when our own has gone out? Can we light ourselves by others' stars when we see none of our own in the heavens? Yes, we can, we must, if life has laid its heavy hand upon us. To feel that Christmas is a mockery is a bitter reproach to our better nature. The brand that warms so many hearthstones on this day must and will send a flicker upon ours, even though we sit alone.

If we indeed believe this wonderful story—this vision—it is truly a time for rejoicing, a season when we should bestow on others gifts not only for the sustenance and adornment of the body, but out of the treasure vault of our hearts pour out love, faith, sympathy, hope, and charity! What a rich argosy to offer our brother,—love, for which every human soul longs; sympathy, the grandest element in man's spiritual nature, the subtle power of readily and gladly sharing another's joy or sorrow, of stooping to bear another's burden, or standing joyfully erect and grasping our fellow's hand with sincere and hearty gratulation on his good fortune, whatever it may be.

Why not, friend J., try in our little corner to keep alive the good cheer that comes from the good will of Christmas? Let's enjoy it, my brother. Let us snuggle it down into the heart of life, and, bee-like, suck its joy.

A Merry Christmas!

Worst of all Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from digestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Woods & Orme druggists."

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arm chair in which their hostess sat propped up, and each kissed her goodbye, probably forever. The scene was so affecting that nearly all the girls were in tears. The sick girl herself finally broke down and wept with the others.

Startling Evidence.

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This Nov. 18th, 1903.

M. F. Pogue, Adm'r.

THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR.

A boy who swims may say he's seldom; but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and hairs you trim, they are not trum.

When words you speak, those words are spoken, but a noise is tweaked but can't be twoken and what you seek is never soken.

If we forget, then we're forgotten, but things we wet are never wotten, and houses let can not be lotten.

CLAY KING DIES.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Col. H. Clay King died today in the State penitentiary, where, since August 11, 1899, he has been serving a life sentence for the murder of David B. Poston on Main street in Memphis. The murder grew out of litigation against King by Poston for Mrs. Gideon J. Pillow, wife of the famous Confederate officer, and after whom Ft. Pillow was named.

Both King and Poston were both widely known. Up to the final trial and sentencing of King factional feeling ran high, and on the night the convicted man was taken from Memphis to Nashville, Poston's friends chartered a special train and endeavored to overtake King, with the avowed purpose of lynching him. King's wife and daughters were with him when the end came.

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ALICE OF OLD VINCENTES

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CHAPTER VI. A FENCING BOUT.

FEW days after Helm's arrival M. Roussillon returned to Vincennes, and if he was sorely touched in his amour propre by seeing his suddenly acquired military rank and title drop away he did not let it be known to his fellow citizens. He promptly called upon the new commander and made acquaintance with Lieutenant Fitzhugh Beverley, who just then was superintending the work of cleaning up an old cannon in the fort and mending some breaks in the stockade.

Helm formed a great liking for the big Frenchman, whose breezy freedom of manner and expansive good humor struck him favorably from the beginning. M. Roussillon's ability to speak English with considerable ease helped the friendship along, no doubt, at all events their first interview ended with a hearty show of good fellowship, and as time passed they became almost inseparable companions during M. Roussillon's periods of rest from his trading excursions among the Indians. They played cards and brewed hot drinks over which they told marvelous stories, the latest one invariably surpassing all its predecessors.

Helm had an eye to business, and turned M. Roussillon's knowledge of the Indians to valuable account, so that he soon had very pleasant relations with most of the tribes within reach of his agents. This gave a feeling of great security to the people of Vincennes. They pursued their narrow agricultural activities with excellent results and redoubled those social gaieties which, even in hut and cabin under all the adverse conditions of extreme frontier life, were dear to the volatile and genial French temperament.

Lieutenant Beverley found much to interest him in the quiet town, but the piece de resistance was Uncle Jazon, who proved to be both fascinating and unmanageable—a hard nut to crack yet possessing a kernel absolutely original in flavor. Beverley visited him one evening in his hut—it might better be called a den—a curiously built thing, with walls of vertical poles set in a quadrangular trench dug in the ground, and roofed with grass. Inside and out it was plastered with clay, and the floor of dried mud was as smooth and hard as concrete paving. On one end there was a wide fireplace grimy with soot, in the other a mere peephole for a window; a wooden bench, a bed of skins and two or three stools were barely visible in the gloom. In the doorway Uncle Jazon sat whittling a slender billet of hickory into a ramrod for his long flintlock American rifle.

"Maybe ye know Simon Kenton," said the old man, after he and Beverley had conversed for awhile, "seeing that you are from Kentucky—eh?"

"Yes, I do know him well; he's a warm personal friend of mine," said Beverley with quick interest, for it surprised him that Uncle Jazon should know anything about Kenton. "Do you know him, M. Jazon?"

Uncle Jazon winked conceitedly and sighted along his rudimentary ramrod to see if it was straight; then, puckering his lips as if on the point of whistling, made an affirmative noise quite impossible to spell.

"Well, I'm glad you are acquainted with Kenton," said Beverley. "Where did you and he come together?"

Uncle Jazon chuckled reminiscently and scratched the skull-like, cleared spot where his scalp had once flourished.

"Oh, several places," he answered. "Ye see that hair a-hangin' there on the wall?" He pointed at a dry wisp dangling under a peg in a log barely visible by the bad light. "Well, that's my scalp. He, he, he!" He snickered as if the fact were a most enjoyable joke. "Simon Kenton can tell ye about that little affair. The Indians thought I was dead, and they took my hair; but I wasn't dead. I was just a-givin' 'em a possum act. When they was gone I got up from where I was a-layin' and trotted off. My head was sore, and, ventrebien, but I was mad! He, he, he!"

All this time he spoke in French, and the English but poorly paraphrases his odd turns of expression. His grimaces and grunts cannot even be hinted.

It was a long story, as Beverley received it, told scrappily, but with certain rude art. In the end Uncle Jazon said with unctuous self-satisfaction:

"Accidents will happen. I got my chance at that Indian who skinned my head, and I jes' took a bead on 'im with my old rifle. I can't shoot much, never could, but I happened to hit 'im square in the left eye, what I shot at, and it was a hundred yards. Down he tumbles, and I runs to 'im and finds my same old scalp a-hangin' to his belt. Well, I lifted off his hair with my knife and untied mine from the belt, and then I had both scalps—he, he, he! Ye ask Simon Kenton when ye see 'im. He was along at the same time, and they made 'im run the gauntlet and pretty nigh beat the life out of 'im. Ventrebien!"

Twilight and moonlight were blending softly when Beverley, on his way back to the fort, departing from a direct

course, went along the river's side southward to have a few moments of reflective strolling within reach of the water's pleasant murmur and the town's indefinite evening stir. Rich sweetness, the gift of early autumn, was on the air blowing softly out of a lilac west and singing in the willow fringe that hung here and there over the bank.

On the farther side of the river's wide flow, swollen by recent heavy rains, Beverley saw a pirogue, in one end of which a dark figure swayed to the strokes of a paddle. The slender and shallow little craft was bobbing on the choppy waves and taking a zigzag course among floating logs and masses of lighter driftwood while making slow but certain headway toward the hither bank.

Beverley took a bit of punk and a flint and steel from his pocket, reit his pipe and stood watching the skillful boatman conduct his somewhat dangerous voyage diagonally against the rolling current. It was a shifting, hide and seek scene, its features appearing and disappearing with the action of the waves and the doubtful light reflected from fading clouds and sky. Now and again the man stood up in his skittish pirogue, balancing himself with care, to use a short pole in shoving driftwood out of his way, and more than once he looked to Beverley as if he had plunged headlong into the dark water.

Beverley stood at ease, idly and half dreamily looking on, when suddenly something caused a catastrophe, which for a moment he did not comprehend. In fact, the man in the pirogue came to grief, as a man in a pirogue is very apt to do, and fairly somersaulted over-



"I've saved them both," he roared.

board into the water. Nothing serious would have threatened, for the man could swim like an otter, had not a floating, half submerged log thrust up some short, stiff stumps of boughs, upon the points of which the man struck heavily and was not only hurt, but had his clothes impaled securely by one of the ugly spears, so that he hung in a helpless position, while the water's motion alternately lifted and submerged him, his arms beating about wildly.

When Beverley heard the strangled cry for help he pulled himself promptly together, flung off his coat, as if by a single motion, and leaped down the bank into the water. He was a swimmer whose strokes counted for all that prodigious strength and excellent training could afford. He rushed through the water with long sweeps, making a semicircle, rounding against the current, so as to swing down upon the drowning man.

Less than a half hour later a rumor by some means spread through the town that Father Beret and Lieutenant Beverley were drowned in the Wabash. But when a crowd gathered to verify the terrible news it turned out to be untrue. Gaspard Roussillon had once more distinguished himself by an exhibition of heroic nerve and muscle.

"Ventrebien! Quel homme!" exclaimed Uncle Jazon, when told that M. Roussillon had come up the bank of the Wabash with Lieutenant Beverley under one arm and Father Beret under the other, both men apparently dead.

"Bring them to my house immediately," M. Roussillon ordered, as soon as they were restored to consciousness; and he shook himself, as a big wet animal sometimes does, covering everybody near him with muddy water. Then he led the way with melodramatic strides.

In justice to historical accuracy there must be a trifling reform of what appeared on the face of things to be grandly true. Gaspard Roussillon actually dragged Father Beret and Lieutenant Beverley one at a time out of the eddy water and up the steep river bank. That was truly a great feat; but the hero never explained. When men arrived he was standing between the collapsed forms, panting and dripping. Doubtless he looked as if he had dropped them from under his arms, and why shouldn't he have the benefit of a great implication?

"I've saved them both," he roared; from which, of course, the ready creole imagination inferred the extreme of possible heroic performance.

"Bring them to my house immediately." And it was accordingly done.

The procession, headed by M. Roussillon, moved noisily, for the French tongue must shake off what comes to it on the thrill of every exciting moment. The only silent Frenchman is the dead one.

Father Beret was not only well nigh drowned, but seriously hurt. He lay for a week on a bed in M. Roussillon's house before he could sit up. Alice hung over him night and day, scarcely sleeping or eating until he was past all danger. As for Beverley, he shook off all the effects of his struggle in a little while. Next day he was out, as well and strong as ever, busy with the

affairs of his office. Nor was he less happy on account of what the little adventure had cast into his experience. It is good to feel that one has done an unselfish deed, and no young man's heart repels the freshness of what comes to him when a beautiful girl first enters his life.

Naturally enough, Alice had some thoughts of Beverley while she was so attentively caring for Father Beret. She had never before seen a man like him, nor had she read of one. Beverley stepped in for a few minutes every day to see Father Beret, involuntarily lengthening his visit by a sliding ratio as he became better acquainted. He began to enjoy the priest's conversation, with its sly worldly wisdom cropping up through fervid religious sentiments and quaint humor. Alice must have interested him more than he was fully aware of, for his eyes followed her, as she came and went, with a curious criticism of her half savage costume and her springy, dryad-like suppleness, which reminded him of the shiest and gracefulest wild birds, and yet a touch of refinement, the subtlest and best, showed in all her ways. He wondered at her influence over Father Beret, whom she controlled apparently without effort. But in due time he began to feel a deeper character, a broader intelligence, behind her superficial saucerie, and he found that she really had no mean smattering of books in the lighter vein.

A little thing happened which further opened his eyes and increased the interest that her beauty and elementary charm of style aroused in him gradually, apace with their advancing acquaintanceship.

Father Beret had got well and returned to his hut and his round of spiritual duties, but Beverley came to Roussillon place every day all the same. For a wonder, M. Roussillon liked him and at most times held the scolding side of her tongue when he was present. Jean, too, made friendly advances whenever opportunity afforded. Alice found in Beverley a large target for the missiles of her clever and tantalizing perversity. He in turn practiced a native dignity and an acquired superiority of manner to excellent effect. It was a meeting of Greek with Greek in a new Arcadia. To him here was Diana, strong, strange, simple, even crude almost to naturalness, yet admirably pure in spirit and imbued with highest womanly aspirations. To her Beverley represented the great outside area of life. He came to her from wonderland, beyond the wide circle of houseless woods and prairies.

Now, there is an antagonism, vague yet powerful, generated between natures thus cast together from the opposite poles of experience and education, an antagonism practically equivalent to the most vigorous attraction. The return to nature has always been the dream of the conventionalized soul, while the simple Arcadian is forever longing for the maddening honey of sophistication.

Innate jealousies strike together like flint and steel, dashing off sparks by which nearly everything that life can warm its core withal is kindled and burnt burning. What I envy in my friend I store for my best use. I thrust and parry, not to kill, but to learn my adversary's superior feints and guards. And this kind of sword play leads back to what so greatly surprised and puzzled Beverley one day when he chanced to be examining the pair of colechardes on the wall.

He tore one down and, handling it with the indescribable facility possible to none save a practical swordsman, remarked:

"There's a world of fascination in these things. I like nothing better than a bout at fencing. Does your father practice the art?"

"I have no father, no mother," she quickly said, "but good Papa Roussillon does like a little exercise with the colechardes."

"Well, I'm glad to hear it. I shall ask to teach him a trick or two," Beverley responded in the lightest mood. "When will he return from the woods?"

"I can't tell you. He's very irregular in such matters," she said. Then, with a smile half banter and half challenge, she added, "If you are really dying for some exercise you shall not have to wait for him to come home, I assure you, M. Beverley."

"Oh, it's M. de Ronville, perhaps, that you will offer up as a victim to my skill and address," he slyly returned, for he was suspecting that a love affair in some stage of progress lay between her and Rene.

She blushed violently, but quickly overcoming a combined rush of surprise and anger, added with an emphasis as charming as it was unexpected:

"I myself am, perhaps, swordsman enough to satisfy the impudence and vanity of M. Beverley, lieutenant in the American army."

"Pardon me, mademoiselle; forgive me, I beg of you," he exclaimed, earnestly modulating his voice to sincerest beseechment. "I really did not mean to be impudent, nor—"

Her vivacity cleared with a merry laugh.

"No apologies, I command you," she interposed. "We will have them after I have taught you a fencing lesson."

From a shelf she drew down a pair of foils and, presenting the hilts, bade him take his choice.

"There isn't any difference between them that I know of," she said, and then added archly, "but you will feel better at last, when all is over and the sting of defeat tingles through you, if you are conscious of having used every sensible precaution."

He looked straight into her eyes, trying to catch what was in her mind, but there was a bewildering glamour playing across those gray, opal tinted wells of mystery, from which he could draw only a mischievous smile glint, direct, daring, irresistible.

"Well," he said, taking one of the

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folly, "what do you really mean? Is it a challenge without room for honorable retreat?"

"The time for parley is past," she replied. "Follow me to the battle ground." She led the way to a pleasant little court in the rear of the cabin's yard, a space between two wings and a vine covered trellis, beyond which lay a well kept vineyard and vegetable garden. Here she turned about and faced him, poised her foil with a fine grace.

"Are you ready?" she inquired.

He tried again to force a way into the depths of her eyes with his, but he might as well have attacked the sun, so he stood in a confusion of not very well defined feelings, undecided, hesitating, half expecting that there would be some laughable turn to end the affair.

"Are you afraid, M. Beverley?" he demanded after a short waiting in silence.

He laughed now and whipped the air with his foil.

"You certainly are not in earnest?" he said interrogatively. "Do you really mean that you want to fence with me?"

"If you think because I'm only a girl you can easily beat me, try it," she tauntingly replied, making a level thrust toward his breast.

Quick as a flash he parried, and then a merry clinking and twinkling of steel blades kept time to their swift movements. Instantly, by the sure sense which is half sight, half feeling—the sense that guides the experienced fencer's hand and wrist—Beverley knew that he had probably more than his match, and in ten seconds his attack was met by a time thrust in opposition which touched him sharply.

Alice sprang back, lowered her point and laughed.

"Je vous salue, M. Beverley," she cried, with childlike show of delight. "Did you feel the button?"

"Yes, I felt it," he said with frank acknowledgment in his voice. "It was cleverly done. Now give me a chance to redeem myself."

He began more carefully and found that she, too, was on her best mettle; but it was a short bout, as before. Alice seemed to give him an easy opening and he accepted it with a thrust. Then something happened that he did not understand. The point of his foil was somehow caught under his opponent's hilt guard while her blade seemed to twist around his. At the same time there was a wring and a jerk, the like of which he had never before felt, and he was disarmed, his wrist and fingers aching with the wrench they had received.

Of course the thing was not new; he had been disarmed before; but her trick of doing it was quite a mystery to him, altogether different from any that he had ever seen.

"Vous me pardonnez, monsieur," she mockingly exclaimed, picking up his weapon and offering the hilt to him. "Here is your sword!"

"Keep it," he said, folding his arms and trying to look unconcerned; "you have captured it fairly. I am at your mercy; be kind to me."

"Mme. Roussillon and Jean, the hunchback, hearing the racket of the foils, had come out to see and were standing agape.

"You ought to be ashamed, Alice," said the dame in scolding approval of what she had done. "Girls do not fence with gentlemen."

"This girl does," said Alice.

"And with extreme disaster to this gentleman," said Beverley, laughing in a tone of discomfiture and resignation. "Ah, m'sieur, there's nothing but disaster where she goes," complained Mme. Roussillon. "She is a destroyer of everything. Only yesterday she dropped my pink bowl and broke it, the only one I had."

"And just to think," said Beverley, "what would have been the condition of my heart had we been using rapiers instead of leather buttoned foils! She would have spitted it through the very center."

"Like enough," replied the dame indifferently. "She wouldn't wince, either—not she."

Alice ran into the house with the foils and Beverley followed.

"We must try it over again some day soon," he said. "I find that you can show me a few points. Where did you learn to fence so admirably? Is M. Roussillon your master?"

"Indeed he isn't," she quickly replied. "He is but a bungling swordsman. My master—but I am not at liberty to tell you who has taught me the little I know."

"Well, whoever he is I should be glad to have lessons from him."



There was a wring and a jerk—he was disarmed.

"But you'll never get them."

"Why?"

"Because."

"A woman's ultimatum."

"As good as a man's," she bridled prettily; "and sometimes better—at the prettiest for example. Vous—comprenez, n'est-ce pas?"

He laughed heartily.

"Yes, your point reaches me," he said.

When Beverley, taking his leave, passed through the gate at Roussillon place, he met Rene, de Ronville going in. It was a notable coincidence that each young man felt something troubling some rise in his throat as he looked into the other's eyes.

A week after my return, on a rainy day, Alice and I went for a walk in the vineyard. She was dressed in a gray gown, very much like the one she wore when she was a girl. She was looking at me with a strange expression on her face.

"What is it?" she asked.

"Nothing," I replied.

"You are looking at me as if you were looking at a ghost," she said.

"I am looking at you as if you were looking at a ghost," I replied.

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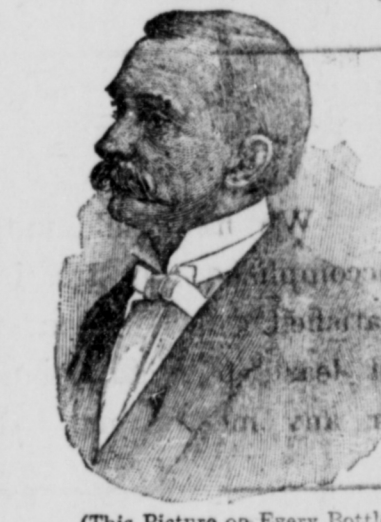
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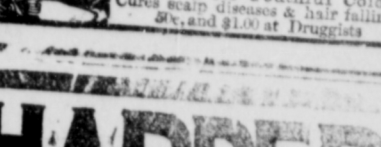
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We have sold more goods for cash this year than any other store doing a cash business ever sold in Marion. It didn't happen by chance, but was accomplished by treating the people EXACTLY right and selling them nothing but GOOD goods ALWAYS at the lowest possible prices. Still we are not satisfied. We want more business and intend to have it. If you are not our customer now, we believe that it is only a question of time until you will at least, be doing some of your trading with us. For you are looking out for your OWN INTEREST—too shrewd to be swayed by preference, prejudice or any motive but PROFIT, and upon this we hang a HOPE as we have the utmost confidence in our ability to convince you that you'll find it profitable.

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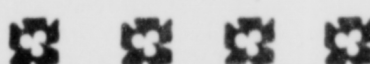


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We can suit you in a shoe. Ask anybody who has ever bought Shoes of us and they'll tell you that the best they ever had came from Cliftons.

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Fine Shoes
Nice Dress Goods

Fine Trunks
Suit Cases
And Hundreds of other Useful Things.

CLIFTONS



ALABAMA PROGRESS.

RESULTS OF BUILDING GOOD ROADS IN MADISON COUNTY.

Improving the Highways of the District Brought Growth and Prosperity—The Taxable Value of Property Greatly Increased.

About twelve years ago in the county of Madison, Ala., paralyzed as it was by the effects of war, about a dozen men, seeing the horrible condition of things, their homes devastated and turned over to ignorance and poverty, saw that something had to be done, said Charles P. Lane in an address delivered before the national good roads convention. We could see nothing else to do but to build three turnpikes, so a campaign was inaugurated. We went into this great campaign, and the legislature passed a bill providing for the issuance of \$25,000 in bonds.

We went before the people. We had in my country that class which calls itself "the conservative class," men who do not want to improve. I call them "muzzle loaders." They belong to the dead past; they do not want any innovations or changes; they fought us, and at the first fall they beat us 1,005 votes before the people. That was in the fall, when the roads were good. We immediately went back to the Alabama legislature and obtained sanction for another election. We tried then in February, and never shall I forget that campaign, made on horseback over hills and bottoms, and before October and November there was a change of sentiment from 1,005 votes against us to 1,855 votes for free pikes.

We issued bonds and we put down the pikes. We did it in rather a crude way at the start, but we learned as we went along and as we gathered experience. And when we had built about a hundred miles of pike a howl went up in Madison county that was heard from the Tennessee mountains to the Tennessee river, demanding another hundred miles of pike, and I believe another \$125,000 or \$150,000 has been issued to build another hundred miles of pike.

And now what was the result? You can start from the beautiful and historic city of Huntsville today—then, mark you, she had but about 4,500 people, the county almost depopulated, scarcely any northern men there at all, and no white people lived in the country—you can start out today from that beautiful little city and go out on a good country road, the Milton pike, and if you can find a briar patch in ten miles from Huntsville I will agree to eat the briars. All along that road from Huntsville to Milton, a distance of fifteen miles, there are beautiful homes, fences straight, barns painted and an air of general prosperity and civilization prevails. Not only that, but we so greatly increased the taxable value of the property of Madison that we paid off those bonds and scarcely knew when we paid them.

I remember when as a child we were in the war that the horrible roads killed more horses and mules than our guns. It was a terrible destruction.

We do not want any more war—God forbid!—but we do want good roads and easy transit. We want it because the people are entitled to it. We want it because it is our duty to our people to build the roads. It is not only our privilege to do it, but it is our duty as civilized, progressive men. When I see the prosperity of the town I think this prosperity will be multiplied a hundred times by the prosperity of the rural precincts, and when I say this I do not go off on any fancy school-teaching theory about it—it means money.

The best way to get that money is by a bond issue, and begin your roads at the centers of counties and carry them out. You can get money on 3, 4 or 5 per cent on good bonds for twenty years and build your roads and so greatly increase your taxable value and so greatly attract the people that you will scarcely feel the expense of paying those bonds. They will liquidate themselves. A sinking fund will grow out of the increased value and pay the bonds, as it paid them in Madison county. That can be done. If Madison county can do it, why cannot a county in Missouri, Maine or Vermont do it?

Value of Good Roads.

Good roads will economize time and force in transportation between farm and market.

Enable farmers to take advantage of market fluctuations in buying and selling.

Permit transportation of farm products and purchased commodities during times of comparative leisure.

Reduce wear and tear on horses, harness and vehicles.

Enhance the market value of real estate.—Good Roads Magazine.

Rural Delivery Notes

Readers of newspapers have increased at a remarkable rate since the establishment of rural free delivery. There were only five daily papers taken on a western route when it was established; now the number is sixty-five.

It is said at the post office department that there will be no favoritism in the establishment of rural free delivery routes hereafter, but that cases will be considered on their merits and in the order in which applications are received at the department.

During the month of July, the first month of the present fiscal year, almost 3,000 new routes were established. The appropriation made for the entire service for the year was \$12,000,000, or a little less than \$3,000,000 more than necessary to maintain the existing service.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

Mary and Her Little Lamb

You have all heard of Mary, haven't you? I mean the Mary that had the little lamb. Of course you have, and I am going to tell you a story about her and her lamb that you have never heard before.

Well, once upon a time Mary thought that she would go into the fields and catch some of the beautiful butterflies that were flitting about from flower to flower. She had a net that her big brother had made for her, and with this she tried to capture the pretty creatures that sailed about in the air among the flowers.

But, mercy me, they were all so shy they never allowed her to get within reach of them.

"I do believe that bad lamb is frightening the butterflies away!" cried



RAN AWAY AS FAST AS HE COULD.

Mary, stamping her pretty little foot on the ground. "I shall just punish him severely for it."

But the lamb saw that she was angry and ran away as fast as he could, with Mary right at his heels.

You would never have thought that a little girl could run so fast, and it was unfortunate for her that she did, for suddenly the lamb came to a pool of water, and he stopped right still as suddenly as he could.

What happened to Mary? She went heels over head over the top of the lamb and plunged up to her waist in the pool of water.

Of course she got wet to the skin.

"But it taught me a lesson," she said the next day. "I shouldn't have wanted to punish that dear little lamb of mine."

And she gave him a real tight hug and made up.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

We knew of a number of cases in the middle of September where men had from fifty to a hundred tons of good tame hay in their barns and from thirty to fifty acres of good corn in the field. The hay will sell this winter for from \$250 to \$500, but they will feed it out and let the corn fodder which could well take the place of the hay go to waste. This is poor management. It is one of the leaks on the average farm which should be stopped.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

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OLD FASHIONED SKILL.

With the advent of new tools and new methods on the farm there has come a distinct loss of the knowledge on the part of the men who work them of many of the still indispensable and old fashioned ways of doing things. For instance, few young men know how to handle a scythe or how to grind or whet one. Not one man in ten today can build a stack of grain in the proper way so that it will be symmetrical in appearance and rainproof. There is but rarely a man to be found who will take any pride whatever in his plowing to have his furrows straight, and not a man on ten farms knows how to butcher a hog or a sheep or cut up and cure and care for the meat as it should be done. This is to be regretted, for, while modern machinery has come to lighten the labor of much of the heavy farm work, a knowledge of the old time handicraft is still as necessary as ever at times in order to the successful doing of the farm work. The plan of thrashing grain from the shock, which in a dry season will more economically dispose of the crop than to stack it and thrash later at leisure, is very generally compelled by the simple fact that no one can be found who can build a stack of grain in the proper way, and so the grain is left in the fields until the machine comes round, a method which during the past two wet seasons in the western countries has resulted in enormous losses. A pig which will sell on the market for \$10 can be butchered on the farm and the meat cured where one knows how and as much good meat be obtained as would cost from \$18 to \$20 from the butcher's wagon.

THE MISERABLE WAY.

We see so much misery and poverty as we look around us, a large part of which might so easily have been avoided, that we may be pardoned for referring to some matters which concern all, whether on the farm or off it. There is the common error made by parents in not teaching their children the value of money and the honor and respectability associated with good old fashioned hard work; there is the folly of the young man who seeks to cut a ten foot swath on a two foot income, who, claiming that the world owes him a living, will do almost anything rather than work for it; there is imprudent and hasty marrying, the almost universal gambling habit, the utter indifference to a surely coming old age by failing to save anything for that period, the foolishness of going on other men's paper or in trying to boost up a son in a business which he does not understand and for which he is unfitted, the itching for public office and evident purpose of so many to live on the plane, "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." With the splendid opportunities within reach of the young men of this country it is really a disgrace for him to be poor when he becomes old.

MACARONI WHEAT.

The crop of macaroni wheat produced this year along the semiarid border of the northwest is estimated at 10,000,000 bushels. The buyers of other grades of wheat are not taking kindly to handling it and are discriminating to the amount of 20 cents a bushel against it and are further lowering the grade of other wheat to the limit when it contains even a trifling per cent of macaroni wheat. We have seen and eaten of the bread made from this wheat, and finer bread one could not ask for. The growing of this crop means much to the farmers in a large section of the country, a section where land is now very cheap and but little crop of any sort raised. Its record this year is from twenty to thirty-five bushels per acre where other wheat gave six or eight bushels. While it may take a year or two to get the market for it properly fixed, it is evident that a most valuable new cereal has been added to the list which may be grown in this country.

A FACT IN CORN CULTURE.

We went into a cornfield a few days since to see what we could find. The field was one which had been almost continuously in cereal crops for a period of forty years, and the soil was badly worn. We found that where the corn was planted four and five kernels in a hill there was only one decent ear on nine hills and that where it was planted one and two kernels in a hill there was one good ear to each hill. As we studied this fact out it seemed to have an important significance. We are convinced that the so called barren stalks of corn which some have charged to imperfect seed and fertilization are more the result of a starved soil than any other thing. The moral to be drawn from the foregoing is if your land is poor do not plant your corn over one-half as thick as where it is rich.

FOUNDING A HERD.

We know of two or three young men who are preparing to lay the foundations for a future herd of fine stock. They will this fall buy two or three well bred and registered heifers and pay from \$100 to \$150 apiece for them. These heifers will bring them calves next spring, and then it will only take about seven years, adding a new sire every third year, to have on their farms a nice herd of thoroughbred stock instead of a herd of the ring, streaked and speckled sort. The above is one of the most sensible and practical business propositions before the young farmer of small means today. When the start is, once made there is little more to do but wait.

John Ringo



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COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Since the exciting times of our recent election has passed by and all minds have turned to the future welfare of our county, I beg leave to submit, through the columns of your friendly paper, a few thoughts to the taxpayers of our county, in regard to the money we have expended for the county since we took charge of county affairs.

But a short time after we had been sworn in we were notified by the circuit court clerk that a former grand jury had condemned the old jail building. We, like our predecessor, paid no attention to it, and at the following March term it was again condemned and we were informed by the Presiding Judge that if immediate steps were not taken in regard to the building of a new jail he would have the grand jury to indict every member of the Fiscal court. The same was said in regard to repairing the court house, which had been neglected, causing great damage to said house.

In obedience to this command we did build a new jail, at a cost of \$7,600. In addition to this about \$400 was spent in repairing the court house, and we say today that the public buildings are in better condition than they have been for ten years and the tax that will be collected for 1904 will liquidate every dollar of our indebtedness.

Now my friendly tax payers, would it not be well enough to call a halt at this point and have the pleasure of saying that we live in a county that is free from debt and our tax rate fixed at the lowest rate possible. This is the point which our Fiscal court has been striving to reach. This being done, would it not be in order to tip our hats to the horny hands of our magistrates, who were expected to bankrupt our county, and say well done thou good and faithful servants.

Having done all this building and improving, it does seem to us that it would be unjust to thrust the building of a new court house on us. Nevertheless it is true that such a move is on foot; but we warn the people in advance that this Fiscal court is opposed to this move now; and if the future grand juries of the county are so minded to force the fiscal court into this arrangement, the blame must rest on them and not on us. I know that it is said by some that the great mineral fields in our county has brought abundant wealth into our midst. If so, why does the assessor not find it out.

Respectfully,
AARON TOWERY,
County Judge.

JUDGE CHENEY DEAD.

Said to Be the Wealthiest Man
In Indiana.

Judge James Cheney, said to be the wealthiest man in the state, died at Fort Wayne, Ind., on December 13th. He was born in Vermont. He settled at Adrian, Mich., in 1832, and by trading accumulated a fortune prior to the panic of 1837. He assisted in constructing the Wabash and Erie canal, and moved to Defiance, O. Later he moved to Fort Wayne and became a heavy Wabash and Western Union stockholder. He was associated with Jay Gould in financing his affairs in Ohio and Indiana. At the time of his death he was a heavy stockholder of Wabash and Nickel Plate. He had for years transacted his business through Russell Sage, at New York. He leaves four children: Mrs. Charles Night; Fort Wayne; Mrs. Kimberly, Neenah, Wis.; Mrs. John Nelson, Logansport, Ind.; and W. R. Cheney, Jeffersonville, Ind. His fortune was estimated at \$25,000,000. He was the father-in-law of C. S. Knight, of the Marion Zinc Company, of this city, who is well and favorably known here.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Not being able to meet my Marion people at my last appointment, I desire to make the following announcement:

A meeting will begin at the Baptist church on the second Sunday in January, 1904. I have succeeded in obtaining the Rev. Fred I. Hole, D.D., of Hot Springs, Ark., to assist me in the meeting. Bro. Hole is well known in Kentucky, having built the Third Baptist church at Owensboro during his pastorate there, and was also for some time pastor of the Twenty-second and Walnut St. and the McFaren Memorial churches at Louisville. He comes with a large experience as pastor and is as well a successful and safe evangelist. He is a man of God, consecrated to the Master's service; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. He realizes that his charge is before God and Jesus Christ, and preaches the word, and is intent in season, out of season; reforming, rebuking. A bold and fearless minister, with a soul adfame for Christ's glory and the salvation of souls.

May God put it into his children's hearts to pray that Brother Hole may be used of Him to bring a gracious blessing to our town. Let the fearless critic humble himself and pray and wish for God's glory and the salvation of souls. May God move all our hearts to help "Rescue the perishing and care for the dying; snatch them in pity from sin and the grave."

I was very sorry to have to miss my appointment, but owing to the serious illness of my father I could not come. He is very sick with pneumonia fever, though this morning he seems to be some better. I have been in a meeting since leaving home, but was called away by a message which said, "Come; your child is dying," but though she had the membranous croup, she was spared to us. My whole family have been real sick, but myself. Death has so far not claimed any of these loved ones. Pray for me that the Omnipotent One may ever be my strength. May the blessings of God abide in all these who love and do his will.

Yours sincerely,
T. A. CONWAY.

Dec. 4, 1903.

House Burned.

The residence of I. H. Thomasson at Piney Creek church, was burned last Wednesday night from a defective flue. His stables were also burned. He carried \$1,000 insurance, as we are informed, which will not cover his loss, as only a few things were saved. Mr. Thomasson will have the sympathy of all good people.

Patent Medicine Entertainment.

One of the most unique entertainments of the season, and altogether enjoyable, was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. P. D. Maxwell at her beautiful home on corner of Main street and Wilson avenue. Mrs. Maxwell's manner of entertainment was entirely new and original, and consisted of poems written by herself with a missing sentence, which the guests were supposed to supply. Here it is:

Perhaps when you engage in bowling
Your back aches from constant rolling
You'll stop the ache and roll balls faster
By wearing _____

and the omitted portion is "Ann's Jemima's Plaster." Each guest was supplied with a different one and the answers were in some cases amusing, and in many were bright and sparkling, if not entirely correct. Those present were:

Mrs. Johnson and Jayne.
Mrs. C. Moore and Haynes.
Mrs. Dr. Moore.
Miss Eva Moore.
Mrs. M. Jenkins.
Mrs. Sadie Travis.
Mrs. Evans.
Miss Ida Woods.
Miss Della Barnes.
Miss E. Shelby.
Miss Ruby James.

After spending a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Maxwell, during which she served delicious refreshments of ices, cakes and fruits, the guests departed with pleasant memories of the affair.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

From my farm at Tolu, Ky., three weeks ago, a fine Poland China male hog, black with some white on his head, weight about 300 pounds. A reward will be paid for his return to me.
Wm. Barnett,
Tolu, Ky.

DO IT NOW.

Don't wait until Christmas eve. We are going to give a cut in all our Christmas goods for the next five days. So don't miss this golden opportunity. These prices are sure mean cash; if any article is charged it will be at the regular price. Will give a few prices:

5c dolls for 4c
10c dolls for 9c
15c dolls for 12c.
5c horns for 4c
5c horses for 4c
5c lions for 4c
5c shoes for 4c
10c drums for 9c

\$3.00 presents for \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Everything else in same proportion. We aim to have everything nice for your Christmas dinner: Cranberries, Celery, Fresh oysters, Fruits of all kinds, Turkeys, Geese, Chickens, Butter, Eggs, And everything in the regular grocery line.

We have the largest and nicest line of Christmas candies ever opened in this city, with prices to suit everybody.

Our Christmas baskets will be the finest ever put on this market, with prices from 25 cents to \$3.00. We are hard to beat on putting up a basket for your girl. Always look at our goods before you buy.

Remember the cut prices on our toys only last a few days. We give this so everybody can get their goods before Christmas eve. Don't fail to see us before you make your purchase.

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For Children Under 12.

DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY GOD.

There is a young boy in a nearby city, aged eight, and named Todd. He is wholly human, and he has a careful and religious mother who strives constantly to bring him within speaking distance of her ideal of what a boy should be. To this end he is admonished to pray every night that he be a better boy. One night recently he climbed into bed without saying his prayers. His mother asked him if he had not forgotten to say them, and he answered that he had not forgotten, but that he did not intend to pray that night. His mother inquired the reason of his determination. Todd from his comfortable pillow made answer: "Well, mother," said he, "I'll get up and say my old prayers if you want me to, but I don't want to do it a bit. Here I've been asking and asking God to make me a good boy and I think I've done it enough. God will attend to it when he gets 'round to it, and I don't think it's nice for me to make a nuisance of myself. I've pretty near worried the life out of Him about it already."

Last week's puzzle:
Once beneath the heavens a creature did dwell,
As sacred writing unto us doth tell;
It lived in this lower world, 'tis true;
It neither sin nor evil knew;
Yet within it was an immortal soul
That must either rise to heaven or sink to hell.

Answer: The whale that swallowed Jonah.

First correct answer opened was received from Miss Myra Dixon, Marion, and she wins the prize. Other correct answers were received from:

Mamie Fritts, Retha Elder, Willie Fritts, Enoch F. Ritter, Jessie Croft, Ruth Croft, James E. Carliss, Nina Howerton, Susie Boston, Ruth Ferry, Ruth Dollar, Mamie Love and Lena Holtsclaw, all of Marion, and Alpha Kemp, Iron Hill; Dode Walker and Ruby Dean, Iron Hill; Ray Bradford, Crayneville; Willie Walker, Iron Hill; W. H. Gahagan, Weston; Guthrie Jacobs, Crayneville; Ester Utley, of New Albany, Ind.; and Cleo Eaton, Salem.

Puzzle for this week: A man had three sons; he gave the oldest 85 apples; he gave the second 50 apples, and the youngest 15 apples. He told them to go to town and sell all bad apples at the same price and to bring home the same amount of money, and the oldest son was to fix the selling price on the bad apples and the good apples. At what price did they all sell their bad apples and at what price did they sell their good apples?

For Christmas baking try a 48 pound "towel bag" of Elk brand flour. For sale at all leading grocers'. Home-made Marion Milling Co. 2t.

THE BROOK.

I come from haunts of coot and hern,

I make a sudden sally,
And sparkle out amid the fern
To bicker in the valley.

By thirty hills I hurry down
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty throps a little town
And half a hundred bridges.

Till last by Philip's farm I flow
To make the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,

But I go on forever!

I chatter over stony ways,
In little sharps and trebles,
I bubble into eddying bays,
I babble on the pebbles.

With many a curfew my banks I fret,

By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set
With willow weed and mallow.

I chatter, chatter, as I flow,
To join the rushing river,
And men may come and men may go,

But I go on forever!

I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,
And here and there a grayling!

And here and there a foamy flake
Upon me as I travel,
With many a silver water break
Above the golden gravel.

I draw them all along and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,

But I go on forever!

—Alfred Tennyson.

FOR RENT.

A well-furnished house in North-East Marion for rent to a family without children.
R. Y. THOMAS.

Christmas Dainties.

Nice Fresh Candies
Fruits of all Kinds
Holiday Baskets
Lowney's Candies
Fruit Cakes and all
Kinds of Fine Bakers
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Articles.

Malaga Grapes
Dates and Figs
Apples and Bananas
Lemons and Oranges
Cocoanuts
English Walnuts
Decorations for the
Christmas Tree

Are You Looking for Quality? We are Leaders in Fine Goods, we make no Fight for Cheap Trade.

We cook meats and foods for family use on order. Send us your Turkey or Ham to Roast.

Farmers we need fresh eggs and will pay highest price. Always come to us first and you'll get the best prices.

COPHER.

Santa Claus Headquarters!

C. J. BLACK & SON,

Have the Largest and Best Selected Stock of Christmas Goods to be found in Marion.

Our Stock of Fruits, Nuts and all Kinds of Xmas Candies

are now complete. Regarding oranges for our Holiday trade, we wish to say that our stock can not be surpassed. The Florida oranges will give you better satisfaction than any other. The fruit is heavy, juicy and fine. We buy fruit from a reliable packer who has the reputation of being the best packer known; therefore we guarantee our fruit to be first-class. Not only do we guarantee the quality of our goods but we guarantee our prices to be as low as the lowest. So don't fail to give us a call.

See the 'Merry-Go-Round'

in our show window.

OPOSSUM RIDGE.

Claud Hughes is on the sick list this week.

Miss Susie Daniel, of Marion, visited home folks this week.

A pleasant programme may be expected at the Opossum Ridge school house Christmas morning. Come one and all.

Otis Hughes and wife are rejoicing over their "little kid" which will be two weeks old Sunday.

We have a splendid Sunday School, about forty members, of which about thirty are present each Sunday.

THE NEW BABY.

Yes, I've got a little brother, Never asked to have him nuther, But he's here.

They just went away and bought him, And last week the doctor brought him, Weren't that queer?

When I heard the news from Molly, Why, I thought at first 'twas jolly. 'Cause you see,

I 'posed I could go and get him, And then mamma, course, would let him Play with me.

But when I once looked at him, "Why" I says, "great snakes is that him, Just that mite?"

They said, "yes" and "ain't he cunnin'?" And I thought they must be funnin'— He's a sight, He's so small, it's just amazin', And you'd think that he was blazin', He's so red.

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Absolutely Pure
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Play a Thinking Part!



DON'T PLOD ALONG IN OLD RUTS, BUT CONSIDER QU
ALONG WITH THE PRICE OF EVERY ARTICLE YOU PURCH.
IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING TO LOOK!



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and Style
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in Quality
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Hats and Caps
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Don't fail to
Look at ours before
Buying. It will
be money for you.

Lion Brand
Shirts
& Collars

You who have worn them
know what they are
Tell Your Friends.



Remember Our Prices are
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Sterling

The Press

S. M. JENKINS,
Editor and Publisher.

ONE YEAR - ONE DOLLAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1903.

Buy your Christmas whiskey from

Don't forget Kohnor Blue and the

of Birdsville, was in town

B. W. Snow, of Redtop, was in town

C. P. Beard, of Evansville, was in the

city Friday.

O. S. Travis, of Blackford, was in

town Monday.

Jno. D. Hinchey, of Gladstone, was in

town Saturday.

Dr. Immer makes a speciality of

Chronic Diseases.

The best whiskey for medicinal pur-

poses. C. E. Doss.

Dr. John Immer makes chronic di-

eases a speciality.

See Taylor & Cannan's beautiful line

of Rugs for Christmas.

Hon H. V. McChesney, of Frankfort,

was in the city Tuesday.

Don't forget Kohnor Blue and the

Kearney laundry—Linen finish.

J. B. T. Cold Spring and all leading

brands of whiskey. C. E. Doss.

Geo. A. Robinson is seriously ill

near Memphis Mines.

Baird says his horse would

work better to a log wagon.

Book free, with recipes by Mrs.

Rober. See advertisement this issue.

Prof. Herbert Willetts, the popula-

ret and pianist, left for Paducah Fri-

Black & Son can sell you one of those

handsomely decorated Christmas lamps

as low as 75 cents and not over \$2.50.

Miss Nonie Blue, who has been here

several months visiting her sisters and

brother, left Wednesday for her home

in St. Louis.

Bill Clifton says that Ollie Tucker

says that Healy Cochran says that Jerry

Black says that Roy is sorry but he

can't help it.

John Matt, of New Harmony, Ind.,

the lucky winner of the rubber-tired

buggy in Roy Gilbert's contest, was in

the city Wednesday.

Anyone owning an old time flintlock

Daniel Boone rifle, bring it to the PRESS

office, as we have an order for one. A

liberal prize will be paid.

Mrs. Fannie Gregory Lindley, of At-

chison, Kan., who came to attend the

funeral of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Walker,

left Wednesday for her home.

C. S. Knight, of Fort Wayne, Ind.,

left for home Saturday on receipt of a

telegram announcing the death of his

wife's father, Judge James Cheney.

Dr. Frank Crawford, of Hampton,

was here last week. He is one of the

coming men of this section in his pro-

fession and will do honor to the name.

Milard F. Cloyd, of Panther Hollow,

is the happiest man in the county. It

is a boy and weighs eleven pounds.

Father, mother and boy are doing well.

Quite a number of Marion people

went to Evansville Wednesday to see

"Audley's Secret" and "The Rough

Diamond" at the Marion Opera

House on the night Tuesday, De-

cember 29th.

Mr. Healy Cochran was initiated into

the mysteries of the "Knights of Py-

thias" last Friday night, and it is use-

less to say a great time was had and the

goat exercised to his heart's content.

"Lady Audley's Secret" is one

of the best dramas now before the

theater-going public. Don't fail to

see it. Remember the date,

Tuesday night, December 29th.

I will on December 23rd, 24th, 25th,

30th, 31st and January 1st, sell round

trip tickets for one and one-third fare,

plus 25 cents, limited to January 1,

1904. Lon Johnson.

Heinz baked beans, tomato ketchup,

pickles, mustard dressing, horse radish,

prepared mustard, bulk mince-meat,

etc., in fact, everything in Heinz goods

at Black's. Give us a call. Phone 62.

The K. K. K's, "Lady Audley's

Secret," "The Rough Diamond."

What are they? Go to the Marion

Opera House on the night of

Tuesday, December 29th and find

out.

Henry Truitt, of Columbia mines

neighborhood, recently went west to

look at the country, with which he is

well pleased, but Henry does not like

the brand of measles he contracted

while in the West.

Those who like to laugh should

see "Margery" and "Cousin Joe"

in "The Rough Diamond," to be

put on by the Kuttawa Comedy

Kompany on Tuesday night, De-

cember 29th.

Miss Gerlie Nunn of near Sullivan,

Ky., was the guest of Dr. Frazer's family

Saturday. Miss Gerlie is teaching

the Prospect school this fall, and she is

one of our most popular and successful

teachers of the county.

Lost, strayed or stolen, one umbrella

belonging to W. H. Beckers. It was a

good one, worth about \$1.50, and person

now in possession of same will please

keep it, as it would break an old time

precedent to bring an umbrella home.

Laude Johnson, who has been work-

ing at Marion for the past five weeks,

came up Sunday to see his family. He

is building an addition to the Methodist

church, and has two or three other jobs

there, and will not get through for

nearly a month.—Princeton Leader.

Joseph Brown, Robt. Vanhooser, Jack

Crider, James McConnell and Jno.

Tucker, five of Crittenden county's best

citizens, will leave this week for the

West, with a view of locating there, and

when they have beheld the beauties of

the great West, we hope they will be

content to live the rest of their days in

good old Crittenden.

Ben Turley, a young miner who has

his domicile at the Memphis mines,

came to town Saturday and it is said

tanked up on "bust head" and started

COMING TO MARION.

The Kuttawa Comedy Kompany
in "Lady Audley's Secret."

The Kuttawa Comedy Kompany
will put on "Lady Audley's Se-
cret," one of the most popular
plays now on the American stage,
at the Marion Opera House on
the night of Tuesday, December
29th. They will also give, as an
after-play, the strictly high-class
and very laughable one-act farce
comedy, "The Rough Diamond."

The Kuttawa Comedy Kompany
has been for some time putting
on plays at Kuttawa, is composed
of the leading young people of
that place, and we are reliably
informed that although amateurs,
they carry their parts with the
ease and grace of old-timers.
Traveling men make it a point to
be in Kuttawa when this company
gives a play, saying that the plays
are as well executed as those they
see in large cities. The com-
pany has employed as instructor,
Mr. Robt. H. Milroy, a profession-
al actor and veteran stage man-
ager who has been with a number
of the best troupes in America,
having been in the business 35
years.

The plays are strictly mora-
l and high-class, so no one need be
afraid to attend. Let Marion en-
courage these young people by
giving them a well-filled house.

Miss Ida Hill's Party.

One of the most enjoyable parties of
the season was given last Thursday
night by Miss Ida Hill, and the younger
society set were well represented. The
hostess entertained her guests with
many new and interesting features be-
sides delightful refreshments which were
daintily served. As the wee small hours
began to draw nigh the company, al-
though loath to leave, departed for their
homes after voting Miss Hill a most
charming hostess.

REMOVAL.

Dr. W. T. Daughtrey will remove next
week to the office over H. F. Morris &
Son's grocery on main street, which was
formerly occupied by Champion Bros.,
lawyers.

FOR SALE.

A second-hand gasoline engine, iron
mantles and grates, doors, windows and
frames, stoves, etc. P. O. box 337, Ma-
rion, Ky.

LOVE-ADAMS.

On Wednesday evening, at the
home of the bride's mother, Mr.
C. C. Love, of this county, and
Miss Frances Adams, of Living-
ston county, were united in mar-
riage, Rev. Lowery officiating.

After the impressive ceremony
which joined the hearts and hands
of the happy young couple for a
life voyage, the daintiest and most
delicious refreshments were served
to a host of relatives and friends
who had assembled to witness the
union. At a late hour, when the
best wishes and heartiest congrat-
ulations had been given, a num-
ber of friends who accompanied
the groom from this county, re-
paired to the home of Mr. Jim
Trimble, where they were cordi-
ally received and hospitably en-
tertained in real old Kentucky
style. On Thursday a dinner was
given at the home of the groom.

The bride is an accomplished,
amiable and lovely young lady,
while the groom is a highly re-
spected young man, who numbers
his friends by the score.

On and after January 1, 1904, the
price of lots in the Marion Cemetery
will be advanced to \$20 each. No lot
taken after this date will be considered
sold unless paid for in full by Jan. 1,
1904. The price from now until Jan-
uary 1st will be \$15.

R. W. WILSON
J. BELL KEVIL.

For healthful flour that will
rise, make good biscuit and Christ-
mas cakes, call on the grocers for
Elk brand. Marion Milling Com-
pany.

A NEW PAPER.

Marion is to have another paper
soon. It will be a monthly issued
by Dr. Immer, and in the interest
of the sick, despondent, and those
subject to the blues occasionally.
It will stand in a field entirely of
its own, and those wishing a copy
of its first issue are kindly request-
ed to send a stamp for postage.
First issue will make its appear-
ance the 1st of January and chris-
tened "The New Era." It will be
a stunner. Look for it. It

The National Lead and Zinc
company, which has been working
the Marble mines have settled
with Wm. Marble by paying \$4,-
000 cash and giving royalties, and
are now at work again.

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Overcoats and Clothing

A wise woman judges a man not for his wealth alone, but for his good taste. If he likes and wears McConnell & Stone's Clothing the balance is in his favor.

Ladies Cloaks

We are offering some Special Holiday Prices in Ladies Cloaks and Jackets.

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| \$12 to \$15 Ladies Jackets for \$7.98 |
| \$10.50 " " " 6.98 |
| 6.50 " " " 3.98 |
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Also large line of Misses and Childrens Jackets and Cloaks from 98c. to \$3.98.

Bargains all through our Stock.



Underwear

What of your health? Not wearing heavy underwear yet? You are endangering your health. Better see to it at once, right here.

Hosiery

Do you want good hose for your children? The "Young America" Hose, heavy ribbed, full size. The best values obtainable. 25c a pair. Seek no further.

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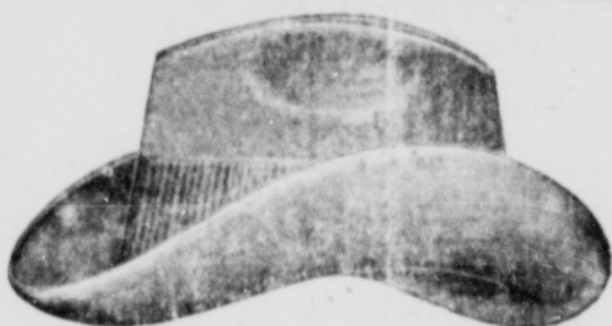
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From 1 penny each to the daintiest hemstitched and embroidered designs in linen
Special Prices for Holidays,
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Rugs that add brightness to a room.



MARION KY

McCONNELL & STONE.

NEW YORK LETTER.

Thirteen members of the Candy Manufacturers Association, who organized with a view of controlling the local candy business, in order to maintain standard prices, were held on charges of criminal conspiracy brought by an independent dealer, who alleges that he has been driven out of business because the association refused to sell him goods.

Nine hundred leading Democrats of the city met at the St. George hotel in Brooklyn last Monday evening to do honor to State Senator Cerran for his magnificent leadership.

Two men lost their lives and three others were seriously burned while rescuing the corpse of a woman in a Brooklyn fire. A wake was being held when the fire started, a high candle toppling over and igniting the curtains on the windows.

Miss Virginia L. Thornton, a handsome Kentuckian, was asphyxiated in a bath room of her New York home, a just get having been thrown on by accident. Her brother, Robert Thornton, is said to be a leading attorney of Lexington.

William C. Wilson has been appointed appraiser of the estate of the late Col. Thomas P. Ocheltree for the purpose of computing the State inheritance tax. The personal estate will probably amount to twenty thousand dollars.

E. H. Harriman is quoted as saying that the Southern Pacific is preparing to tunnel the Sierra Nevada mountains. Plans for this engineering feat are complete, but the road is not yet ready to begin the construction, of so an undertaking.

The Southern Railway has made application to the stock exchange to list \$700,000 additional Mobile and Ohio stock trust certificates. The rice market is in a very all condition, probably the very

dullest in the history of the business. What little trade there was has been completely fallen off. Jobbers are all carrying big stocks, which were bought at low prices, and which could not be duplicated on today's market, but are unable to purchase new goods because demand is lacking. No improvement is expected now before January owing to the holidays and stock taking the first of the year. Prices are firm.

The additional advance in the price of coal oil at Montpelier, Indiana of three cents East caused a local dealer to remark that it will not surprise him if the price advances to \$1.45 by spring.

THE LIGHTNING EXPRESS.

Down grandmother's bannister rail
Swift as the wind I slide,
I'm the engineer
That never knows fear,
And I travel far and wide.
Each time I rush upstairs
Grandmother cries, "Don't fall!"
When whizz! I drop
Without any stop
Between Boston and Montreal.
I hurry again to the top,
O! my, it is such fun,
For this is the train
That's flying from Maine
And arriving at Washington.
Once more I am off like a flash,
To carry the New York mail.
I am sure you would guess,
'Tis the lightning express
On Grandmother's bannister rail.
—Ann M. Pratt in Youth's Companion.

THOUSANDS SAVED BY DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY
This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

MET WITH AN ACCIDENT.

Mr. William Baird, favorably known in Henderson as "Uncle Billie," met with an accident the other day which came very near costing some insurance company the amount of Mr. Baird's life insurance. He was driving his well known Arabian broncho, "Hyder Ali," when Hyder turned around in the shafts to get a better look at Billy, who was seated rather high up in the air in one of those H. M. T. buggies. Whether the broncho was unnerved at what he saw will probably never be known, anyhow he started to go home, which placed him in a reverse position very suddenly, and it also reversed Mr. Baird's position very suddenly, causing him to immediately stand on his head on the frozen ground. Mr Baird's head is healing slowly.—Henderson Gleaner.

IT CAME TOO HIGH.

Mr. Marshall Jenkins, the talented young editor of the Press and President of the Electric Light and Ice Company, is making some radical and much needed changes in the several buildings he purchased from the Marion Bank, along Bank street. The Press office is now on the second floor of the block and the old office is fitted up for a barber shop. Four or five chairs with a much needed bath room of four or five tubs on the second floor. Mr Jenkins will be remembered in Henderson as at one time connected with the tobacco trade. We are somewhat reliably informed that Marshall has not used tobacco in any form since that Henderson experience.—Henderson Gleaner.

CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to express, through the columns of the Press, our thanks to Dr. O. C. Cook for his kind attention during H. N. Wheeler's sickness, also to our neighbors and relatives who were ever willing to help us in time of need.
H. N. Wheeler and Wife,
View, Ky.

The Delineator for January.

The January Delineator contains literary and art features of exceptional value and reliable fashion information, including a letter from Mrs. Osborn, the foremost modiste in America, who has become a regular contributor. The pictorial presentation of the season's styles is excellent. A number of pages are given to a description of Parsifal, Wagner's great music drama, and an interpretation of the theme by W. J. Henderson, with personal reminiscences of the first performance of the opera at Bayreuth, by Gustav Kobbe. The illustrations are only photographs ever made of the opera, and are now published for the first time. Mr. Kobbe also contributes an interesting paper describing the life of Mme. Schumann-Heink, at Villa Fini, near Dresden, Germany. There are stories by Jack London, whose book "The Call of the Wild," is one of the most popular of the year; and Katharine Jarboe, and the fourth installment of "The Evolution of a Clubwoman," by Agnes Surbridge. The first paper of "The Fountain of Youth" introduces a series of practical benefit to women who are in search of or desirous of retaining good looks, or an inspiring paper on the Joy of Living, by Lillie Hamilton French, and will appeal to thoughtful persons. In addition there are house building and house furnishing ideas; entertaining stories and pastimes, for children including serials by Albert Bigelow Payne and Gabrielle E. Jackson, and matter of material interest to women of all ages.

New Laundry Agency.

Metcalf's Hopkinsville Steam Laundry has opened a branch in Marion at H. F. Morris & Son's grocery. If you are not pleased with your laundry, or for any reason desire a change, please call me by telephone, No. 28. We guarantee all our work and hope the public will divide with us.
J. LACY HUGHES,
Local Agent.

SEIZE THE INSTANT.

Brood not over the past if your last years gown were a failure, dream not, but seize the instant and place your order where the art of gown making has achieved the test of genius and where correct fit, style and finish is guaranteed. Madame Alice satisfies because her gowns have ingenuity of design, fit faultlessly and give that smart appearance which makes individuality. She has a large assortment of the finest textures, weaves and charming colorings of the best foreign manufacturers; rare and beautiful novelties, laces, furs. Entire first floor, Hirsch building.

ALMOND CHARLOTTE.

Whip one pint of cream until stiff, stir it into one tablespoonful gelatine, which has been dissolved in hot water and then cooled; add one half cup powdered sugar and one pound of almonds which have been bleached and chopped very fine. Pour in a dish which has been lined with lady fingers, then put candied cherries over the top.

STRAYED

From my farm, one mile east of Iron Hill, on November 23rd, one red sow-weight about 300 pounds, swallow fork in left ear, bob-tailed, fat. A liberal reward will be paid for her return or for any information as to her whereabouts.
G. D. KEMP,
Iron Hill, Ky.

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Commissioner's Sale.

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT, KY.
B. F. CROFT, ET-AL } Equity.
VS. }
MARY ELLEN CROFT, ET-AL }
By virtue of a Judgement and Order of Sale of the Crittenden Circuit Court, rendered at the November term thereof, 1903, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court-house door in Marion to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904, at one o'clock p. m., or thereafter, (being court day), upon a credit of six months, the following described property, to wit:
1st. One undivided seventh interest in two lots in Tolu, Crittenden county, Ky., and known as lots No. 6 and 7 in the plat of said town, in block A, on Main street, the remaining six sevenths being owned by J. C. Funkhouser; this property not to be used as a stand to manufacture nor sell spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage.
2nd. Four lots, Nos. 36, 28, 40 and 42, in block B, on Main street in the town of Tolu; said lots being 30x120 feet each; all of said lots now being under one enclosure and upon which has been erected the dwelling house known as the Wolf home.
3rd. 100 acres of land conveyed to T. S. Croft by P. H. Stewart and wife on the 27th day of August, 1895, by deed recorded in book No. 5, page 418, and described as follows: Lying and being in the county of Crittenden and state of Kentucky, on the waters of Hurricane creek, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the west side of the Tolu public road, said corner being a corner between Geo. Lawrence and P. H. Stewart, running with the line N. 82, W. 210 poles to a poplar in R. W. Foster's line, thence N. 28, E. 95 poles to a stone, corner to Sandy C. Wallace, running with a line of same S. 82, E. 160 poles to a stone on the west side of public road, thence S. with the meanders of said Tolu road to the beginning, containing 100 acres by survey.
4th. Also three lots in the town of Tolu, Crittenden county, Ky., known on the plat of said town as lots Nos. 22, 24, and 26, block B, Main Street, conveyed to Elmyra Croft by Geo. Kosmink and wife on the 22nd day of May, 1893, by deed recorded in book 5, page 522; said three lots are under one enclosure and have built upon them a dwelling house known as the Kosmink house.
It appears that Willie Croft, Jessie Croft and Ruth Croft are children and heirs at law of Geo. T. Croft, deceased, jointly own one seventh undivided interest in the lands herein to be sold, and that said defendants are infants under the age of twenty-one years. It is directed that so much of the purchase money bonds as may be necessary to pay said one seventh interest to said infants shall remain uncollected and shall be a lien upon said lands until their guardian shall appear in this court in open court and execute bond as required by law. For the purchase price the purchaser, with approved security or securities, must execute a bond, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgement. Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.
J. G. ROCHESTER,
Commissioner.

Some Christmas Suggestions!

What to get for Papa

A PAIR OF THOSE GOOD
BATTLE AXE SHOES.

Nice Umbrella, Hat and Gloves.

And for Mama

A pair of those Star Brand Shoes she has heard so much talk about, nice Parasol, Kid Gloves, New Dress, Silk Waist, nice White Table Linen with Napkins and Towels to match, one Dozen pairs of nice Hose. She don't want much does she

Little Sister

Don't want much either. She wants a nice pair of Shoes, Stockings, Rubbers, New Dress, 1 1-2 yards Ribbon for neck, 2 yards Ribbon for hair, Chained Purse, Gloves, dozen handkerchief, and that's all.

Brother

Wants new Suit, Overcoat, Hat, Shoes, Gloves and pair Boots to go skating. We are receiving shipments daily preparing for the many useful wants for the holidays. Our stock is full and fresh and prices are right.

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Caught in His Own Trap.

Home, Dec. 10.—One of the greatest crimes had a most dramatic solution today. A young man named Beretta, a millionaire, a sportsman, and a famous sportsman, was invited by the Chevalier Vecchio, an organizer of shows, to his villa outside Milan on the pretext that he would examine some old pictures. There Beretta was seized and gagged, and obliged, with a revolver pointed at his head to make a will leaving his fortune to Vecchio, besides writing a letter saying he had committed suicide. Vecchio then left the villa, after directing an accomplice to put Beretta to death by drowning the next day, in a bath, and carry the body far away from the villa, so as to give Vecchio a chance to prove his alibi. But the heart of Vecchio's accomplice softened and he set Beretta at liberty, and Vecchio who read in the newspapers that his plot had been discovered, disappeared. The police thought he had gone to America. Today, however, it was learned that Vecchio had committed suicide by shooting while driving in a carriage on the famous Monte Pincio drive.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant to take. For sale by Woods & Orme.

Woman Killed by Train.

New York, Dec. 8.—In the closing of a woman killed by an express train rushing through Mt. Vernon, has been found money to the amount of nearly \$2,000 in gold and greenbacks. The victim was identified as Mrs. Mary McCall of New Rochelle, who was known as a miser. She had been carrying the money and carrying it for 25 years.

EDUCATED WIVES.

So long as women were absolutely ignorant men could pass as wise. Small capitalists, by the growing mind of woman, lifting up the mind of man with two great forces—heridity and sex attraction. Large-brained mothers make better men, and the sweetheart who is wise as well as kind can do wonderful things with her lover. Lord Chesterfield's advice to his son is still valid on this point. He strongly urges him to marry a woman who is wise, as well as rich, handsome and well born; "for," says he, "thou wilt find that nothing is more fulsome than a she-f fool."

The Greeks would not have educated wives, owing to prejudice, tradition and general error; but as they grew capable of more pleasure than the primitive sex relation allows, they sought it outside of marriage.

It is wonderful how long a piece of idiocy will stick in the human brain. Never was a more splendid development of some mental qualities than in Athens, yet there this antique ignorance remained bedded in the fertile intellectual soil like a boulder in a garden.

Cured Paralysis.

W. S. Baily, P. O. True, Tex., writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frost-bites and skin eruptions. It does the work." 25c, 50c, \$1 at Woods & Orme's drugstore.

Risks Life to Win a Bet.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Clad in a rubber swimming suit, and armed with a paddle with which to ward off ice cakes, Capt. Sidney Hinman, an Australian, has lowered himself in the Chicago river just below the Rush street bridge and swam with the icy current down to Madison street bridge, a distance of nearly a mile, winning \$600 from Geo. W. Turnbull, a contractor, who had bet that he would not dare attempt the feat.

Mr. Turnbull was at every one of the bridges as his friend went by and had a cab awaiting him when he emerged from the icy swim at Madison street, cheered by an admiring crowd.

Dragging Pains

2825 Keeley St.,
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 2, 1902.

I suffered with falling and congestion of the womb, with severe pains through the groin. I suffered terribly at the time of menstruation, had blinding headaches and rushing of blood to the brain. What to try I knew not, for it seemed that I had tried all and failed, but I had never tried Wine of Cardui, that blessed remedy for sick women. I found it pleasant to take and soon knew that I had the right medicine. New blood seemed to course through my veins and after using eleven bottles I was a well woman.

Maudie Bush

Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

WINE OF CARDUI

PADUCAH IN DARKNESS.

Paducah, Dec. 8.—The city was left in darkness and without water all last night, the result of the breaking of a valve at the Water Company plant. The break was repaired this morning and all is now running smoothly. The Illinois Central had to run engines to the river front and pump water with the city fire engines. The electric plant had to secure water by stringing a hose from the fire engine to the river, a distance of several squares.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by Woods & Orme.

FOR SALE.

My home in North East Marion containing 5 rooms, large hall back and front porches, two wells, stable and buggy house and all necessary out-buildings. Lot contains about 3 acres divided and fenced into four lots. For terms and price write or see

R. Y. THOMAS,
Marion, Ky.

Kentucky News.

Lang Bros., Druggists, Paducah, Ky., write: "We sell more of Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure than all other remedies combined, having retailed over 700 bottles in one season. The physicians here prescribe it and persons who use it once will have no other." Children like it.

FARM FOR SALE.

102 3-4 acres, 1 1-2 miles from court house, on Salem road; new house of six rooms; good barns; good stables; well watered. Land all tillable; 10 acres in timber. A splendid farm in a good community. Price reasonable.

O. H. Paris,
Marion, Ky.

FARM FOR SALE OR LEASE.

We call attention to our find of glass sand, a bed 60 feet deep, covering at least five acres, situated about 1/2 mile from depot at Marion, Ky. This property is easily mined; plenty of water in easy reach. It is in line with the zinc and spar mines, and only about 1/2 mile from the Lucile Mines. Expert glass makers have pronounced it, by actual test, to be the best quality. Plenty of coal near by. Here is a fine location for a glass factory, as the raw material is here. Also a fine location for waterworks; a lake covering 10 acres easily made by a dam 40 feet high, by 150 yards long. Enough to amply supply any factory and the town of Marion, which is in need of water all the time. The lake would be supplied by living water and a drainage of 75 acres. If interested, and further information is wanted, write LEMUEL CLARK, Marion, Ky.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by Woods & Orme. Every box warranted.

Commissioner's Sale.

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT, KY.
M. F. POGUE, vs. HENRY ADAMS, ET AL.

By virtue of a Judgement and Order of Sale of the Crittenden Circuit Court, rendered at the November term thereof, 1903, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the court house door in Marion to the highest bidder, at public auction, the 11th day of January, 1904, at one o'clock p.m., or thereabout, (being court day), upon a credit of six months the following described property, to wit: A certain tract of land lying in Crittenden county, Ky., near Francis, Ky., and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone, corner to W. S. Perkins, running thence with a line of same S. 78, W. 26 poles to a stone, corner to same, thence with another line of same S. 46, E. 32 poles to an old stump and stone, corner to same, thence with another line of same N. 73 1/2, E. 19 poles to a stone, corner to same, thence with another line of same S. 28, E. 61 poles to a stone, corner to same, thence with another line of same S. 56, W. 68 poles to a stone in original line, thence with same S. 34, E. 50 poles to a dogwood in John Mathews line, thence with same N. 55, E. 115 poles and 5 links to a stone, corner to Charles Owens or Lewis Phipps, thence N. 58, W. 12 poles to a stone on the east side of the Dycusburg road, corner to said Owens or Phipps, thence with said road N. 9, E. 8 poles and 8 links to a stone, corner to the Masonic lot, thence with said road N. 14, E. 13 poles and 21 links to a stone on the road leading to Caldwell Springs and corner to G. W. Wilkerson in Owens line, thence N. 58, W. 132 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 34 93/100 acres, less one acre sold to W. F. Oliver, beginning at a stone in said Oliver and Marcus line at the public road and corner of said Marcus's field and running a west direction with said line past Oliver schoolhouse about 20 rods to a stooping sycamore, a stone, thence south parallel with first line about twenty poles to a stone, thence a north direction about 8 poles to the beginning, also less 9 1/16 of an acre heretofore sold S. H. Lee, both of said last mentioned pieces of land are included by the meter and bounds as above set out and are to be deducted therefrom. For the purchase price the purchaser, with approved security or securities, must execute bond bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a Judgement. Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

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There is nothing just as good for Malaria, Chills and Fever as Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure. Take it as a general tonic and at all time in place of quinine. If it fails to give satisfaction mail the front of the cartoon to J. C. Mendenhall, Evansville, Ind., and get your money back.

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| G. B. Butler, Forsythe, Ill. | 1905 1 1 |
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| D. E. Dearing, Marion | 1904 9 24 |
| B. L. Sullenger, Lola | 1904 9 26 |
| Hugh Bennett, Tolu | 1905 1 1 |
| N. M. Dollar, Kelsey | 1902 1 1 |
| J. R. Glass, Dycusburg | 1904 11 20 |
| Salie Imboden, Mack, Tenn. | 1904 2 30 |
| Mary J. Stotes, St. Louis, Mo. | 1904 9 30 |
| W. J. Fuller, Levas | 1904 11 23 |
| E. H. Long, Sturgis | 1905 1 4 |
| G. W. Britter, Chicago, Ill. | 1904 5 23 |
| H. L. Williams, View | 1904 5 23 |
| M. R. Neal, Pinckney | 1904 11 23 |
| D. F. Murphy, Marion | 1904 10 25 |
| E. B. Dorroh, Salem | 1905 1 1 |
| Mrs. Belle Kirby, Michigan | 1904 10 26 |
| J. W. Bowen, Marion | 1904 9 1 |
| J. W. Arlick, Marion | 1905 1 1 |
| E. R. Williams, Tolu | 1905 1 25 |
| W. W. Mayes, Marion | 1904 5 26 |
| E. A. Dye, Salem | 1904 1 1 |
| Albert Sunderland, Salem | 1904 10 1 |
| J. H. Morse, Pomona, Cal. | 1904 11 3 |
| W. W. Wilson, Manila, P. I. | 1904 9 1 |
| Henry Rice, Jr., Kelsey | 1905 1 1 |
| Mrs. N. J. Brannon, Dycusburg | 1904 11 2 |
| John A. Hurley, Marion | 1905 1 1 |
| W. A. Davidson, Levas | 1904 3 24 |
| Jas. Henry, Marion | 1904 11 15 |
| E. T. Franks, Owensboro | 1905 1 1 |
| B. E. Dowell, Kansas | 1904 6 1 |
| L. H. Adams, Illinois | 1904 11 4 |
| F. M. Stone, Kelsey | 1904 1 1 |
| J. W. Jeffries, Iron Hill | 1905 1 1 |
| J. H. Davis, Sheridan | 1903 12 5 |
| Shalin Elder, Marion | 1903 6 5 |
| Mrs. T. T. Davis, Summerville | 1904 6 5 |
| C. O. Lowery, Smithland | 1905 1 1 |
| J. C. Bibb, Portsmouth | 1904 12 7 |
| Jesse Franks, Tolu | 1904 8 5 |
| Sam Henry, Marion | 1904 6 7 |
| J. W. Jeffries, Iron Hill | 1905 1 1 |
| Jack Crider, Marion | 1905 1 1 |
| Mrs. Electra Frisbee, Marion | 1903 14 13 |
| H. A. Hodge, Louisville | 1904 9 1 |
| W. H. Nunn, Sullivan | 1904 12 1 |
| M. Ledbetter, Cave-in-Rock | 1905 1 1 |
| W. G. Harris, Fredonia | 1904 12 8 |
| Mrs. W. B. Crichtow, Salem | 1904 1 1 |
| M. H. Weldon, Marion | 1905 1 15 |

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation. St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901. Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1 at Woods & Orme's drugstore.

Farm for Sale.

68 acres, good land, 4 miles east Marion on Marion and Shady Grove road. Frame house of five rooms, stables and out buildings. Good well and spring, 15 a timber balance in good state cultivation. I am going west will cheap.

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Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at Woods & Orme's.

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TRICKS WITH CARDS.

SKILLFULLY DONE, THEY WILL AMUSE AND MYSTIFY YOUR GUESTS.

How to Tell Every Card in the Pack With Its Back Turned Toward You. The Thirty-one Trick—A Clever Way to Tell Drawn Cards.

This undoubtedly is one of the best illusions performed with cards, as it not only brings the whole pack into use, but is also legitimately founded upon arithmetical principles. By this trick you are able to tell the whole pack of cards with the backs toward you; also to sort them after being cut any number of times in the mere act of dealing them out in a row. It is performed thus:

A pack of cards being distributed on the table, with their faces uppermost, they are picked up one by one in the following order: 6, 4, 1, 7, 5, king, 8, 10, knave, 9, 2, queen. Repeat the same series of every thirteen cards. Four times over will of course complete the pack.

That the above order may be remembered, the following words are used as a guide to the memory and they are intended to enumerate the cards:

6 4 1
7 5 king
seventy-fifth; up starts the king, with 8 10 3 knave
eight thousand and three men and 9 2 queen
ninety-two women.

Hence this trick is said to be done "by words."

The pack being arranged, it may be handed to any of the company "to cut," with the proviso that this operation be done whilst fashion—that is, by taking a portion of the cards off in a mass and placing the lower division on what was before the upper one. This done fairly and properly, it may be repeated any number of times, as the audience may think fit. You then take the pack and by a feint catch sight of the bottom card. Having learned this (it may be done at a glance, in a second of time), you have the key to the whole trick. Then commence it by dealing the cards out in the ordinary way, but in thirteen heaps. Having dealt out thirteen, begin again and cover them; then go on as before. When finished there will be of course four in each heap. Now every heap will contain all four of the same denomination, as the four knaves in one heap, the four sevens in another, and so on. The thirteenth, or last heap, will be of the same denomination as the one at the bottom which you have contrived to see, and, according to whatever that card is, all the suits will follow, but in the reverse order, as the words above indicate. Thus suppose the eight was the bottom card. Then on dealing them out they would be in the following order: King, 5, 7, 1, 4, 6, queen, 2, 9, knave, 3, 10, 8, and you begin reciting in the mind the words you use from that passage in the sentence, working from right to left, which the card indicates in the above. You would say:

8 10 3 knave
Eight thousand and three men and 9 2 queen
ninety-two women; sixty-fourth 1 7 5
regiment beats the seventy-fifth; up starts the king with, etc. Here, of course, is your starting point.

The same principle holds good whatever the card may be. Any person asking for a card, all four of every suit may be found in the same heap and can be quickly turned up as soon as required with a little practice, to the utter astonishment and wonder of the company.

By taking up the cards in the same order as before, but all of one suit, you may easily discover the position of any one card that is demanded.

A fine trick with cards is called "thirty-one." It is played with the first six of each suit, the aces in one row, the deuces in another, the threes in another, then the fours, fives and sixes, all laid in rows. The object now will be to turn down cards alternately and endeavor to make 31 points by so turning or as near to it as possible without overrunning it, and the one who turns down a card the spots of which make him 31 or so near it that the other cannot turn down one without overrunning it wins. This trick is very deceiving, as all other tricks are, and requires much practice to be well understood. The chief point is to count so as to end with the following numbers—13, 3, 10, 17 or 24. For example, we will suppose it your privilege to commence with 3 and your adversary would add 6, which would make it 9. It would then be your policy to add 1 and make 10. Then, no matter what number he adds, he cannot prevent you counting 17, which number gives you the command of the trick. We will suppose he adds 6 and makes 16. Then you add 1 and make 17; then he adds 6 and makes 23, you add 1 and make 24. Then he cannot possibly add any number to count 31, as the highest number he can add is 6, which would only count 30, so that you can easily add the remaining 1, or ace, and make 31. There are, however, many variations to the trick.

A clever way is here given in which to discern one or more drawn cards. Turn unperceived the bottom card of a pack face upward; then let several of the company draw a card. Reverse the pack rapidly, so that the bottom is now the top card, and thus all the other cards are turned face upward unseen by the spectators.

Hold the pack firmly in your fingers and request those who have drawn to replace their cards in the pack. Thus all the drawn cards will lie with their faces downward, while all the other cards will lie with their faces upward. You now step aside, select the drawn cards and show them to the company. —Boston Herald.

THERMOMETER DEGREES.

The Scale Invented by Newton and Amplified by Fahrenheit.

Why should the freezing point be marked 32 degrees and the boiling point 212 degrees on the Fahrenheit thermometer scale? Most students know that its inventor divided the space between these points into 180 degrees instead of the simpler 100 degrees used in the Centigrade system, but few understand how this number came to be chosen. A writer thus explains the matter:

The thermometer was really invented by Sir Isaac Newton. He started his scale with the heat of the human body and used as his instrument a glass tube filled with linseed oil. The lowest figure on the scale was the freezing point and the highest point boiling water. The starting point of this scale, as mentioned, was the heat of the human body, which he called by the round number 12, as the duodecimal system was then in common use. He divided the space between the freezing point and the temperature of the body into 12 points and stated that the boiling point of water would be about 30, as the temperature must be nearly three times that of the human body.

When Fahrenheit took up the subject a few years later he used the Newton instrument, but, finding the scale not fine enough, divided each degree into two parts and so made the measure between the freezing and boiling points 24 parts instead of 12. Fahrenheit then discovered that he could obtain a lower degree of cold than freezing, and, taking a mixture of ice and salt for a starting point, he counted 24 points up to body heat. By this measurement he obtained 8 for the freezing point and 53 for the boiling point. His scale now read: Zero, freezing, 8; body heat, 24, and boiling water, 53. It will be noticed that this scale is identical with that of Newton's, only starting lower and having the numbers doubled.

It was with this scale that Fahrenheit worked for a long time, but finally, finding the temperature divisions still too large, he divided each degree into four parts. Multiplying the numbers just given by four the thermometer scale now in use results.

The chance choice of Newton of the figure 12 to represent the body heat determined the present thermometer scale, even as the yard, foot and inch measures originally came from measures of parts of the human body, and as the width of a railroad carriage was determined by the track, which in turn was determined by the width between the cart wheels necessary to bear a load which could comfortably be drawn by a mule.—American Inventor.

What Fell Out.

"The next time my wife asks me to bring home a fashion paper," growled the baldheaded man, "I'll tie it up tight before I leave the office."

"I've been married twenty years, but everybody takes me for a bachelor. That's where the rub comes in about this fashion paper. My wife asked me to bring one home last night, and I bought the thing at a news stand on the L. station. Of course I didn't look at it. When I reached my station I had to walk the whole length of the car to get out, and just before I reached the door a boy came after me, touched me on the arm and handed to me a big sheet of white paper all marked over with black lines."

"I beg your pardon," he said, "but you dropped this."

"Then everybody in the car laughed. The thing was labeled 'Mother's Friend,' and it was one of those paper patterns for things to go over corsets."—New York Press.

Origin of the Hansom.

The hansom was the invention of Joseph Hansom, the architect of the Birmingham town hall. But the two wheeled cab which he patented in 1834 little resembles the vehicle which now bears his name. It had a square, sedan chair shaped body hung between two wheels nearly eight feet high. The driver's seat was in front, as also was the door. The fare entered the cab between the wheel and shaft. The modern hansom was adapted from this original by Messrs. Gillet and Chapman. It is a peculiarly English vehicle, and no foreign nation has ever compassed the dogged courage of the Briton who can sit calmly inside it.—London Chronicle.

Her Fear.

Maud—What makes you so awfully nervous, dear?

Clara—Why, Fred is to have an interview with papa this afternoon.

"Oh! And you are afraid your father will not give his consent?"

"No; I'm afraid Fred won't show up."

A Mathematician.

"Father," said the little boy, "what is a mathematician?"

"A mathematician, my son, is a man who can calculate the distance between the most remote stars and who is liable to be flimflammed in changing a two dollar bill."—Washington Star.

The Gallant Judge.

Magistrate—Next case! Who've we got now?

Constable—Joseph Biggins, alias "Skates."

Magistrate—Ladies first. We'll have Alice Skates take the stand.—Philadelphia Ledger.

No Short Answers From Her.

"What was that Spillink said—that his wife had never given him a short answer?"

"Well, it amounted to that. She declines to use postal cards in writing to him."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

How many friends have you to whom you can truthfully say, "You never offended me?"—Atchison Globe.

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HAD BRONCHITIS FOR TWENTY YEARS AND THOUGHT HE WAS INCURABLE

Henry Livingstone, Babylon, N. Y., writes: "I had been a sufferer with Bronchitis for twenty years and tried a great many with poor results until I used FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR which cured me of my Bronchitis which I supposed was incurable."

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R. F. HAYNES, LEADING DRUGGIST, MARION, KY.

COLD WEATHER STYLES.

Attractive Sack Wraps In Two Shades—Brown Accessories.

The sack wraps in coat form, both long and three-quarter length, have quite a chic style and are particularly attractive in blue and scarlet or in navy blue with biscuit, overlaid with small designs in blue braiding. The blue coats lined with champagne silk and trimmed with coarse lace are smart and useful, but black coats are quite in the minority.

The new brown leather foot gear is very dark and has no touch of yellow. It harmonizes beautifully with the brown tones of knapsack frieze and cloth prepared for autumn and winter wear. Earth brown velveteen flecked with dashes of black and white, made up with a little apricot panne and just one touch of vivid turquoise blue, makes a delightfully harmonious gown. The odd lengths of lace insertion and piece lace bought at the sales make pretty coffee coats, and if there is



BLUE VELVET GOWN

barely sufficient material it may be eked out in many ways with figured silk or ribbon.

In vogue a popular fashion is the pale shade of blue, rose or mauve mouseline or gauze spotted with black chenille and velvet pastilles. These are arranged in a very plentiful fullness. From gathers at the top they puff out in a striking fullness, but are then drawn in a little tightly beneath the chin and disappear up the back of the hair, where a series of tiny quillings seems to finish off the mouseline, combining a continuation of the hat garniture. These are worn with large picture hats and may be considered becoming, but appeal more to those who drive than to the promenade.

The cut shows a plain blue velvet dress, the waist of which laces over an underblouse of guipure.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Woods & Orme.

THIEVES AND OMENS.

Criminals as a Rule Are the Slaves of Superstition.

Some of the most notorious criminals who, it would hardly be thought, paid the slightest attention to omens, good or bad, have the greatest faith in superstitions of all kinds.

The burglar is a believer in the significance of dreams and has been known to relinquish a big burgling feat if a dream the night before has warned him that he will be in danger should he disregard the warning. If he saw a rainbow he would consider it to portend that, however reckless he may be, he is not likely to fall into the hands of the police for a space of three months. Burglars have been known to carry a donkey's shoe in their pocket before turning out, believing that this will protect them from danger, while others pin their faith to a piece of coal, which they will carry in their pockets throughout their career and afterward bequeath it to a confederate.

The pickpocket is equally superstitious. It is said he will not rob a person who squints, this being accounted a sign of disaster, and if it happens that the purse he robs contains foreign coins it is believed to augur that he will travel a good deal in the immediate future, whether in the company of a couple of officers or not there is nothing to show.

Weddings and funerals are pregnant with meaning for the professional thief. To pick a pocket at a funeral would be to court immediate disaster, whereas if a purse stolen at a wedding contains gold it portends the best of luck for the thief during the ensuing six months.

Some pickpockets have a favorite pair of boots that they wear as long as they can keep them on their feet, and if they are not arrested while they are wearing them they cut the boots up into little square pieces and give them away as "lucky tokens" to their pals.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by Woods & Orme.

THE EYES.

Black or very dark eyes denote a capacity for extreme ardor in love.

Greenish tints in blue or hazel eyes are the signs of wisdom and courage.

Steel colored eyes usually denote a cold nature, also deceit and treachery.

Russet brown eyes, untinged by yellow, mean an affectionate and gentle disposition.

Dark blue eyes, while indicating affection and purity, do not represent intellectuality.

Variable gray eyes are highly intellectual and indicative of an impulsive and impressionable temperament.

Clear light blue eyes, especially if accompanied by steadfastness of expression, denote cheerfulness, amiability and constancy.

Tawny eyes denote fickleness. Eyes of no particular color, only feeble shades of gray and blue, go with lymphatic dispositions, characterized by coldness, selfishness and listlessness.

Warts on her fingers, corns on her toes she will be miserable wherever she goes, unless she uses Dr. Mendenhall's Corn Cure. 15 cents at druggists, or sent by mail on receipt of price by J. C. Mendenhall, Evansville, Ind.

Cottage Hotel

C. H. COFFIELD, Prop.

Old Dr. Crawford residence.

Beautiful location. Best house for the money in Kentucky. We feed the people, give us a call, we guarantee satisfaction.

WORMS! VERMIFUGE!

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS. Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.

A Late Supper.

A very steady and serious country gentleman had joined a newly established London west end club which offered the advantage of bedrooms for country members temporarily in town. When next the squire visited the modern Babylon he put up for the night at the club, which had in the meantime become extremely fashionable and its hours correspondingly irregular. The squire went to bed at an early hour, when all was quiet and decorous. If there were a racket in the night he slept through it.

Next morning he came down to breakfast at his usual hour, 8 o'clock, but was surprised to find the room in the middle of the dusting process and not a cloth on the tables. While he was gazing helplessly around a sleepy eyed waiter came up to him.

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said apologetically, "but no suppers can be served after half past 7."—London Tit-Bits.

Heart Fluttering.

Undigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart, presses against it and causes heart palpitation. When your heart troubles you in that way take Herbine for a few days. You will soon be all right. 50 cent at Woods & Orme's.

His Altruistic Conscience.

Fuddy—You say you have a very tender conscience. I notice it is wonderfully sensitive to the faults of others, but it never appears to be troubled by your own shortcomings.

Duddy—No; I hope not. That would be egotistical, you know.—Exchange.

Fiction.

"What are you writing, Hawley?"
"A story. I'm going in for fiction."
"Really—for a magazine?"
"No; for my tailor. He wants his money, and I'm telling him I'll send him a check next week."

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Iowa, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c and \$1 at Woods & Orme's.

Our Animals.

A dish of fresh water is a constant necessity where there is a dog or a cat, even though they never appear to touch it. Offering them water now and then doesn't answer at all.

Those who suppose a cat requires only meat and milk should offer it a bit of nicely cooked vegetable, especially asparagus, corn, green beans or potato.

It is criminal to keep caged pets unless one is sure to remember their needs, not when one "thinks of it," but constantly.

The man who has no tender feelings for his horse should remember that this faithful servant will last longer and serve better while he does last if he receive consistent treatment.

T. H. COSSITT, the Dentist,

Is still making first-class and best teeth for seven dollars per set, either upper or lower. Office on a same floor with telephone office

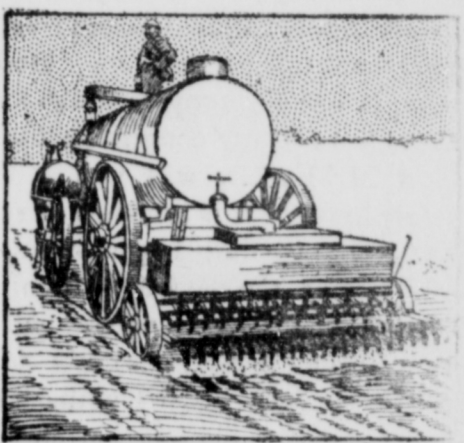
SMOOTH AND DUSTLESS.

Benefits From the Use of Oil on Roads of California.

In the year book of the department of agriculture James W. Abbott, special agent for the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast division, in a special report makes a review of the use of mineral oil in road improvement, which, he says, has been a great success in California. He says:

"The growth of oil in popular favor in southern California has been steady and rapid. Many of those who have had most experience with it have come to regard its use in a dry region as the most important discovery ever made in roadmaking. Quite a considerable number of persons have said to the writer: 'We could not go back to the old conditions. If we had to give up our old roads we would move away.'"

"In California it was soon learned that, incidentally valuable as it was, the laying of dust was not the only or even the most extraordinary result obtained. It was found that when oil was applied it immediately began to bind together all the loose particles constituting the road surface, whether clay, sandy loam, loose sand, gravel or the fine material on the top of macadam. A tough stratum formed resembling an asphalt pavement. Roads built on drifting sand or clayey dust, no matter how deep, where trotting with a buggy was impossible and for a pair of strong horses to pull a ton was a very laborious process, became indurated, resilient and firm, so that driving teams could trot with ease and the same pair



A ROAD OILER.

of horses pull two and a half tons more comfortably than they formerly did the one ton. Of course these results were not fully obtained immediately, but they never failed to follow persistent treatment with oil.

"The oil is put on by means of a longitudinal tank mounted on wheels like an ordinary sprinkling wagon. Four horses can readily pull one holding from 800 to 1,000 gallons. To the rear of this tank is attached the device which lets the oil out on to the road. Attempts have been made to use an ordinary sprinkling wagon, but with very poor success. It has been found impossible to get any regulation to the discharge. When the tank was full it would discharge much faster than when it was partly full. There was a tendency also for the center of the strip treated to get too much oil and the edges not enough. If hot oil was used the spray tended to cool it before it reached the ground."

Read With Ease.

A writer in Leslie's Monthly says: A schoolbook that is in my possession dated 1832, has pencilled inside the front cover these lines:

Puzzle
written over the commandments
P.S.B.V.R.Y.P.R.E.C.T.M.N.
V.R.K., P.T.H.S.P.R.C.P.T.S.T.N.
No solution was offered, and I studied over the mysterious medley for some time before I saw that it made sense if an E was substituted for each of the dots.

Local News.

Gossipy Letters From all Sections of the County.

DYCUSBURG.

J. H. Clifton arrived home Saturday from Buffalo, much improved in health, and to the great pleasure of his many anxious friends.

The infant daughter of James Martin and wife was buried at the Dycusburg cemetery last week.

Chas Fox, of View, was in town last week plastering the bank building. The Vozier Bros. will paint Dan Hornback has rented the Brown property and moved to town.

While intoxicated Jas Phillip was on the 5th thrown from horse hired from the livery stable of J. C. Griffin. The horse made his escape and after anxious search was found by a boy whose name is Cisco, running at large beyond Clay creek bridge, and was returned to the owner Tuesday, the 8th.

The Dycusburg flouring mill is in the care of J. A. Graves, with Ed. Ramage miller.

Geo Steele has assumed charge of the post office and will remove the same to his residence the 15th.

The Bunton farm, one mile below Dycusburg on the Cumberland river, has been sold by the heirs of the Bunton estate to a timber company for \$1500. Robt. Holder has rented the farm and will move on it Jan. 1 next.

Mr. Hall who for the past three years has rented the farm of Aaron Charles, across the river from Dycusburg, at the close of 1903 will remove to Illinois and engage in mining business. He has proved himself an excellent citizen, and will leave many friends in this vicinity.

The Charles farm has been purchased by Mr. Barrett for \$3,000.

Thos Taylor, an insurance man from Madisonville, was in town last week.

MARRIED.—On Saturday, Dec. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shelby, near Salem, Mrs. Fannie Graves and Mr. Samuel Shelby were united in marriage, Rev Rowe of the Christian church officiating. The marriage was to have been solemnized at Salem church but the inclement weather made it impracticable for the aged parents of the groom, who desired the ceremony, to attend and the original appointments of the wedding were not carried out. However, it was a happy occasion and there were many congratulations. Now, Mr. Editor, will you allow a few hints of this romance in real life. The wooing began in golden summer, the days of "ripening fields" and "azure skies," when the sun was loth to seek his rosy couch beyond the Cumberland and heaven swung out her chandeliers over the almost tropic clime—in those balmy days Cupid sped his golden shafts from perfumed bowers and two quivering hearts were pierced. Each true, wounded heart the other soothed and there was more of bliss than pain. Letters long and filled with learned love, of which poets since the world began have sung have sped through the posts, each letter being one on which Philosophy long might dwell and read again and ponder. Yet this sweet tragedy of wounded-healed hearts was a secret most profound. No one must know. What reason love contains! As if this first, handsome bachelor in two counties could woo and wed perhaps the loveliest woman in the Bluegrass State without discovery! This correspondent alert to catch events more than once noted in your items that Mr. Sam Shelby of Salem had visited Dycusburg, and once when this faithful pen wrote "Sam," in letters clear and bold, some printer's imp took the type and made it "Tom," and your good paper spread the news abroad that Tom Shelby had driven his handsome span of bays to Dycus-

burg to be entertained at lunch by his beautiful hostess, Mrs. Fannie Graves. It was enough! and this proves how the PRESS is read and memorized. The whole "country side" broke out upon our hero's astonished ears with "Tom."

Along the highways, at his place of business, wherever he went he was persecuted with "Hello Tom!" "Heigho, Tom!"—and every time that word "Tom" fell upon his taunted ears he knew it told the whole of its secret most profound. Now, let's have the sequel. Saturday, when in a mid December storm Mr. Shelby came to claim his promised bride, as he led her joyously from her cottage door to shield her from the blinding stormy storm proof curtains behind impatient steeds, a shadow true of how he would shelter her for aye, and hold the reins to check the rushing, happy flight of Time for one brief moment, he heeded not the bitter blast, not even for her whose hand so lightly rested on his arm, but turned to friends who waited their adieus and clustered on the porch and said, "Who writes the items for the PRESS?" The name was given by his cousin. Above the roar of wind and rain came his response so full of meaning—"Tell her Tom's gone!" and now, dear girls, we write to all concerned—"Tom's gone!"—gone into the state of matrimony, lost in the enchanted palace of Love, bound by the golden chain of wedlock, dead to all things but beautiful "dear black eyes" and buried under an avalanche of choicest wishes.

WESTON.

The river is still falling, but we expect a rise soon.

The steamer Cruiser passed up Wednesday with her tow of barges for Pittsburg.

Messrs Milas Ferrell and W. E. Osborne, representing Evansville firms, made their regular trips to this place Tuesday.

Mrs J. Hensell and daughter, Miss Ethel, visited relatives near Blackford Sunday, returning Monday.

Miss Ida Duvall, of Repton, was the guest of Mrs. A. R. Hughes, of this place, Sunday.

Miss Duvall served here as teacher one term, and has many friends here who are ever ready to bid her welcome.

Uncle Ewel Travis made a flying trip to Repton Sunday.

D. M. Fraling of Lamb, Ill., has purchased the Crowell property near this place, and contemplates moving here in the near future.

Mrs W. D. Cain, left Saturday for Aniston, Mo., where she will join her husband, and will make that country their future home.

Miss Birdie Hughes was a guest of Miss Rubie Hughes Sunday.

Miss Twinkle Hill returned to her home near Iron Hill Sunday, after a two weeks stay with relatives at this place.

Dr. G. J. Douglas, our popular veterinarian has embarked in the huxter business and is hauling furs as a side line.

Herman Walker returned home Saturday from Missouri, where he has been saw milling for several months.

Mrs Belle Haldeman left Tuesday for Tenn., where she will make her future home.

Frank Lamb, of Memphis, Tennessee, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, of this place.

E. M. Duvall, of Repton, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Hughes, Sunday.

A. P. Hughes is our champion horse trader.

Messrs L. W. Truitt and A. A. Avitts was in Illia, one day this week on business.

R. L. Grady and wife, accompanied by Miss Alma Nunn, of Sullivan, left recently for Florida, where they will spend the winter in behalf of their health.

J. R. Vaughan, of Repton, was here Friday on business. He purchased a barrel of salt and gave us a pressing invitation, stating that he had two hogs to butcher and also wanted to know if it would be enough salt to save them.

The people of our town are all expecting King Santa Claus, and a Christmas tree at the C. P. church.

MATTOON.

J. R. Summerville's store caught fire last Friday morning. Help was secured in time to save it; the cause of fire is not known; damage about \$250.

The Morganfield Mining company have begun operations on the farm of Isaac McCormick, on which they own the mineral right. The company have deposited \$500 in bank for the purpose of locating lead and zinc here, and prospects are fine at present.

Dave Vanhooser and family will leave shortly for Aniston, Mo., where they will make their future home.

Joe Lamb, a prominent citizen and expert veterinary surgeon, of Sugar Grove neighborhood, was here last Sunday.

Jim Burton talks of going to England this spring.

Mrs Elizabeth Burton spent last Sunday with Mrs J. N. Roberts.

Frank Burton of Mt Zion, was here Sunday.

Dan Travis, of Marion, was in this place last week. He tells us he is making preparations for a large number of boarders by New Years.

John Burton was in Blackford Sunday.

Miss Winnie Wilcox, of Gladstone, has been visiting here.

O. T. Fletcher will rent his house and lot and move to Blackford, where his daughters have purchased a millinery store.

Several visited Miss Ida Davals school at Seminary spring Friday.

Measles are getting well scattered here now.

Ruby Long, of Ark., who is visiting relatives here, will return home in a few days.

RODNEY.

E. L. Nunn was in Union county Friday.

There was a delightful supper given at the residence of Ira Robinson between here and Weston, Friday night.

E. M. Gabagan attended the supper from here.

Wm Watson of Crooked creek, was here Sunday.

Rev. Hayes, of Greenville, filled his regular appointment at Greens Chapel Sunday.

J. M. Davis was in Sturgis Friday.

H. B. Tudor has removed to his father's place.

J. T. Dempsey was in Weston Friday.

Work at Bells mines is suspended. The manager is going to his home in East St. Louis to remain until after Christmas. We are informed that work will then begin on an enlarged scale.

R. E. Wilson was at Marion Sunday.

Mrs Shoemaker, of Crooked creek, is seriously ill.

Ben Tudor, our mail carrier, who had the misfortune to lose his most faithful old horse some days ago, has another now.

There was an old fashion dance at Mac Brantley's Friday night.

Harry Culley bought a lot of hogs here Saturday.

School will be out at Hood's creek and Mattoon next week.

CRAYNEVILLE.

A. E. Brown and school enjoyed a honey supper at B. Jacobs' last Tuesday night. Found a bee tree on the school ground with 24 gallons of honey.

Mrs J. M. Freeman and Miss Addie Boyd spent Saturday and Sunday in Salem.

Had a fine programme for Friday evening exercise at Lily Dale Friday.

Miss Tommy Searce has gone to Texas to spend the winter.

J. M. Freeman was in Marion last week on business.

We are having very good attendance at Sunday school.

Press Jacobs and wife, of Paducah is visiting his father.

Clarence Jacobs, of Illinois, is visiting his grandfather, William Jacobs.

Very good attendance at our school considering the freezing weather.

The people are wondering why they don't have prayer meeting at this place.

W. A. McCaslin is erecting him a new house on the highest point in Crittenden county—Hawkins hill.

James McConnel and Ed Thomas is hauling logs at this place.

TOLU.

L. A. Weldon's condition is much worse at this writing.

Bro Martin preached at Tolu on Sunday and at night.

Rev C. R. Montgomery passed through this place recently en route to his home in Elizabethtown, Ills. He says he has got a very fine vein of mineral on his land in Illinois.

On account of a misunderstanding as to date of beginning, the quarterly meeting at this place was not very well attended last week.

Charley Lear accompanied his sister, Mrs Jessie Weldon, to her home in Madisonville Saturday.

Rev C. R. Montgomery purchased a fine saddle animal of our townsman Robt Lear last week.

Geo T. Belt, of Sheridan, was here Friday.

C. E. Rose, the skiffman, who has been ill for several days, is so much improved as to be able to superintend his line of skiffs once more.

Aunt Puss Kimsey, after a brief stay with Mrs. T. B. Gillespie, of Caseyville, returned to her home here Thursday.

T. E. Griffith and wife attended quarterly meeting here last week.

B. H. Phillips was here attending quarterly meeting Wednesday.

Eld Wm Nations preached at the Methodist church here Wednesday.

Some shanty boatmen lost a skiff load of corn by sinking at Brown's landing last week.

Uncle Bill Coffield, col, is in quite a precarious condition, having been on the back grounds for quite a while. Every one shall go to see Uncle Bill, in his afflictions, since he has been a faithful old soul and can not go to see his many friends any more.

NEW SALEM.

Sickness still continues in the families of Harris Austin, Dave Woolford, John Conyers, W. C. Tyler, Fred Capron and Fred Capron and Fred Kirk; most every family has one or more down with grip.

Saturday and Saturday night were the worst of the season.

Charley Cook has moved on the W. C. Tyler farm for the coming year.

Water had become quite an object to those living on the bluff.

John Harpending was in Canton, Trigg county, Saturday and Sunday.

A good many of the mines in this section have closed down until spring.

Miss Jennie Binkley of Pinckneyville, is visiting her sister Mrs Harris Austin.

No tobacco sold in this section yet; tobacco seems to be quite a drug this season.

But very little farm work being done in this section this fall, owing to the dry season no plowing has been done.

Our public roads have been in better fix this fall than in years; at this season of the year.

Wm Brouster, who has been at work on Henry Brouster's house has left for his home near Carrsville, having completed the carpenter's work.

Some home hunters trying to buy land in this section last week. We would not be surprised to hear of more land selling in the near future.

The bird hunters are making good use of the time allowed them from the amount of shooting being done.

REPTON.

James and Will Burton went to Gladstone Sunday.

Mrs S. A. Nunn spent last week with her daughter, Emily Burton.

Isaac Cooyer and wife visited Will Burton's family last week.

Mrs. Frank and Gas Summerville visited Mrs Emily Burton last week.

Ivan Wilcox and Miss Martha Fralich visited J. H. Paris last Sunday.

Miss Linnie Nunn visited P. C. Stephens last week.

Jobe Dean and wife visited Uncle Tommy Mayer family last Sunday.

Jeff Ritch visited Lint Sullivan last week.

S. B. Crisp has the I. T. fever.

Hadon Simpson is confined to his bed with measles.

HAMPTON.

Dr. Frank Crawford is in Louisville this week.

J. M. Davis of Birdsille, was in town Wednesday.

Samuel McKernan of Carrsville is visiting his sister, here, Mrs. J. C. Hardin.

J. S. Jones, the saw mill man, was in town Friday.

The serenading crew took a tour over the city Friday night, met with plenty of apples, pop corn and oranges.

E. B. Hardin the dentist, left for Louisville.

Fred Hardy of Salem has moved to our city.

Uncle Alex Lockett is very sick.

Dr Hayden was in our city last Saturday night.

H. C. McCord went to Smithland.

W B Lasher of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday here.

TILINE.

Teaching school, attending court, bird hunting, making fires, is the order of the day.

Miss Lula Wheeler is teaching a grand school. Our Supt. visited the school Friday, gave us a good talk and passing some flattering comments on the pupils.

Miss Mmie Wheeler of Panhandle, visited her sister here Sunday.

Charlie Brasher, of Dycusburg, visited his parents last week.

Rev Duncan preached on an excellent sermon Saturday night.

Rev Talley preached Sunday and Sunday night, and delivered excellent sermons.

BIG DAY IN LIVINGSTON.

Yesterday was the opening of circuit court at Smithland and the Democrats of Livingston turned out in large numbers to a jollification given there, says the Madisonville Hustler. In the afternoon speeches were made by Judge Gordon, Commonwealth's Attorney Grayott, and Mr. Everett Jennings of this city. Mr. Jennings made several speeches in that county during the campaign and the people there are loud in their praise of him for the splendid service he rendered the party and invited him to come over and make them another speech.

The Miracle Working Metal.

It seems clear that the demands for radium, from the very nature of that element, must always be in excess of the supply, and that the prospective industry of radium extraction may therefore be commended to the chemical manufacturer without loss of time.

Some of the most hopeful and important of the uses to which radium could be applied are in the field of medicine. With all who use the X-rays, whether physicians or doctors, the crying complaint is the impossibility of regulating the character of the ray obtained as to repeat with certainty any desired result. It is for this reason that the use of the X-rays in the treatment of disease is attended capriciously sometimes with beneficial and at other times with decidedly harmful results radium, however, gives a beautifully constant and uniform supply of rays, and moreover possesses many obvious advantages. Instead of the cumbersome focus tube, nearly as large as a football, and the manifold and expensive items of an X-ray outfit, a glass tube, somewhat smaller than a toothpick, containing from one tenth to one fifth of a grain of radium, has already been successfully employed in the treatment of cancer. Since the little tubes can be inserted into cavities no bigger than the nostril, it is obvious that a great many cases which could not possibly be successfully treated X-rays can easily be treated by radium.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The deficit of over \$23,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 1903, is estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report just published. The surplus for the fiscal year is estimated at only \$14,000,000. These figures will furnish party capital to both Republicans and Democrats. The Republican "stand patters" will point to the decrease of the revenue as an argument against tariff revision, and the Democrats will add the other party responsible for the great increase in expenditures during the last few years when the revenue derived from a high tariff encouraged lavishness and waste of the people's money. Although not at all serious, the deficit will be something unusual for the United States.

The Secretary's report declares that the currency system has stood a severe test during the last year, but that the crisis is now past. He urges a more elastic currency, but says that the reform must be very conservative.

President Roosevelt has sent the Panama canal treaty to the Senate and it is now in the hands of the committee on Foreign relations. It will come up for discussion after December 16, when the Cuban bill will have been voted upon. The original document, signed by the Junta, is on its way to Washington. The latest interesting news from the Isthmus is that Venezuela is arming, so as to be prepared to attack Colombia, in case she declares war against the United States, and that Colombia has landed 1100 troops near the boundary of Panama, to man on the Isthmus.

ANN'S AGE BRINGS TROUBLE.

Hiawatha, Kan., Dec. 10.—R. M. Oliver, a district school teacher in the eastern part of the county, has appealed to the county superintendent to save him from dismissal which he is threatened with Oliver solved the problem of Ann's age for the school, figuring it out, both by algebra and by arithmetic that she is 18.

One of the pupils, whose father is director, sprung the problem at home. The director figured on it and decided that Ann was only 12 and that a person who could arrive at any other result was not fit to teach children. He took the matter up with the other directors who agreed that Ann was but 12. The teacher stuck to his solution, whereupon the directors declared him ignorant, incompetent and pig-headed, and threatened him with dismissal when his month is up.